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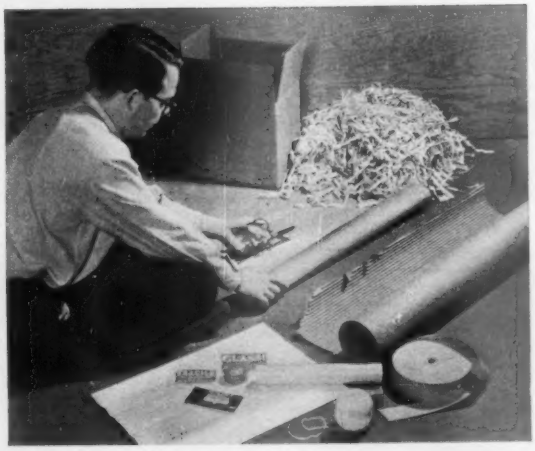
By Robert M. Jones



Materials. Brown wrapping paper heads the list; 30-pound kraft is tough but not hard to handle. Next comes six-ply twine. Or you can seal with gummed-paper tape, two inches wide. Get flexible corrugated paper at stationery store, corrugated cartons from the grocery. Complete collection with cellophane tape, stickers marked "Fragile" and "Glass," address labels, tissue paper, waxed paper, and shock-absorbing material—excelsior, shredded glassine, or shredded newspaper.

Have you ever visited the parcel-post room of a post office during those last hectic weeks just before Christmas? The real wonder is that damage to parcel-post packages is as rare as it is.

To make sure your parcels reach their destination in tiptop condition, looking neat as a pin, you can do two things:

First, heed that annual plea to mail early. Packages mailed three or four weeks before Christmas will be delivered before the rush.

Second, learn to wrap a package so it can hold its own, no matter what the odds. You need only good materials and a little know-how. The pictures here and on following pages will help you do your packaging job right.

Tissue wrap. To keep a fragile object whole, wrap it from inside out. First wrap should be of soft tissue paper, held with a tab of cellophane tape. Use gay wrapping paper if you like, but cheapest uncoated tissue paper has greater cushioning value.

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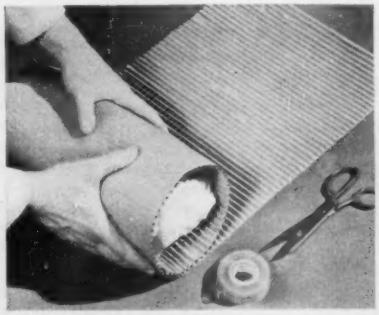
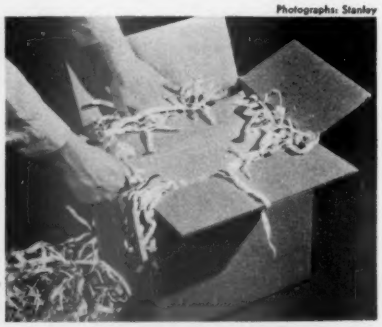


Corrugated sleeve. Follow tissue with a sleeve of corrugated paper. Let sleeve overlap ends of gift about an inch, and cut it long enough to go around twice. If your gift is of odd shape, use a series of small sleeves to fill it out to a uniform size.



Double box. For maximum protection, pack in double box. Fill space between boxes, top and bottom as well as sides, with shock-absorbing material. In inner box, nest gift in shock-absorbing material.

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Sealed outer wrap

Gummed-paper tape. If carton is in good condition, you can seal it with gummed-paper tape, without a paper wrapping. Applied as pictured, tape gives a strong, dust-proof, moisture-resistant seal. Tape must be well moistened; brush the water on with an old paintbrush.

Address label. A carton sealed with tape must carry a printed sticker giving postmaster permission to open it. Label shown also reminds you to include your return address. Use "Fragile" stickers if the gift could be easily damaged, "Glass" stickers if it is breakable.

Nonbreakables

Soft wrap. Gifts not breakable may be shipped in a "soft wrap," without outer carton. It consists of a double-wrapped corrugated sleeve covered with wrapping paper. Here, ends of sleeve are folded in to protect book. For ties or scarves, use well-made gift boxes.

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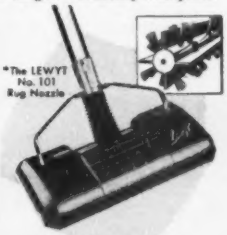

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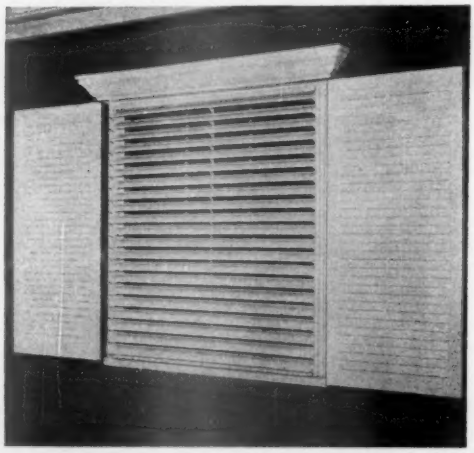

A typical outside Venetian-blind installation looks like this. They'll give you cooler summers, good ventilation and light control, privacy, safety from prowlers, and excellent protection against wind and rain. Most types are adjustable from inside, can be locked in any position

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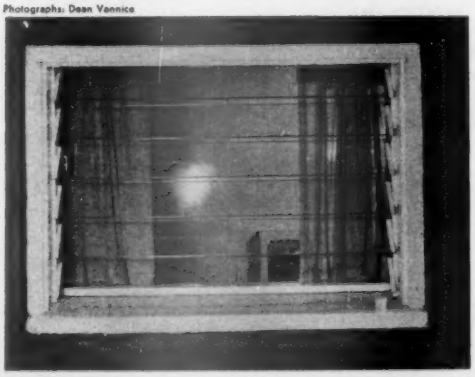
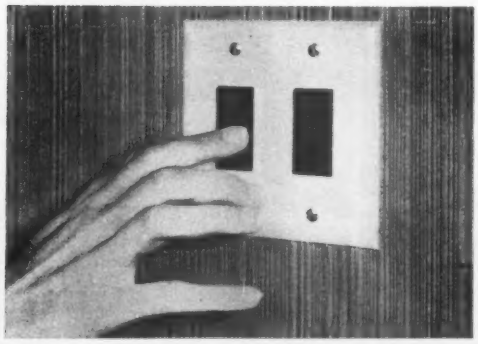
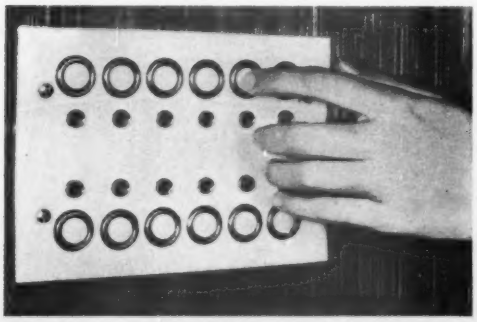


Here's a small Venetian window installed in a bathroom. Besides giving you complete protection and good ventilation control even in a rainstorm, Venetian windows give you full vision, too. Or—if privacy is desired—you can have it by specifying obscure glass or metal louvers. Screens for Venetian windows are usually installed inside the window

Better Homes & Gardens brings to you this month information about three new products which we feel have much to offer the homeowner or the prospective home-builder. All of these products are now generally available throughout the country.



A momentary contact with the switch shown here sends a low-voltage current to a relay housed—along with others—in a centrally located gang box. The relay is the actual switch that controls the fixture. Plates are available in ivory or brown, and with one, two, or three switches



Here's the master panel. It has either six or twelve control buttons with corresponding signal lights to indicate which lights are on and which off. You can leave lights on all over the house; then switch them off after you're snugly in bed. A second panel can be located in garage or front hall to turn lights on or off whenever you're entering or leaving house

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1 **"Oh, I'm glad you came!"** Four-year-old Judy gives Great-aunt Jenny a big hug. Judy's folks, Will and Alice Haven, are glad too. So is Aunt Jenny. She has presents for everybody—a cowboy doll for Judy, a pipe for Will, a glass flower bowl for Alice.

2 **"Now I don't want you to touch the pretty bowl,"** her mother warns Judy before showing Aunt Jenny to her room upstairs. "Oh, for Pete's sake, Alice, don't be so fussy," Will thinks as he steps out in the kitchen to light his new pipe, but he doesn't say anything.

this family?

Prepared in cooperation with the Family Service Association of America

3 **"One peek won't hurt,"** thinks Judy. She likes her new cowboy doll, but her mother's bright glass bowl intrigues her. She picks it up, peers into it cautiously, but it slips out of her hands and crashes to pieces on the floor. Judy is scared.

Photographs: Harriet Arnold

4 **"Judy, I ought to spank you!"** cries Alice, angry and embarrassed. But Will intervenes: "Hold on, Alice, she's just a baby." Aunt Jenny makes light of it all, but is thinking, "A little whack wouldn't hurt Judy and would teach her not to touch things."

What's wrong with this family? See page 132 for the answer.

What gift so bounteous . . . what thrill so memorable . . . with Santa leading the world's greatest entertainment into your living room to stay? It's all yours, big as life, real as life, in the new G-E Black-Daylite Television! Beauty, bigness, performance — built to eclipse your fondest dreams. Wonderful G-E rectangular "black" tube shows all the TV camera sees. So sharp, so clear and so steady you're right in the front row. G-E Automatic Sound. Just tune the picture — sound is right every time. 12" G-E Dynapower speaker. G-E electronic tubes. G-E built-in antenna. Enduringly beautiful hand-rubbed cabinet of genuine mahogany veneers. Model 16C113. For the best Christmas ever, see your General Electric dealer today.

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Since childhood the tree has been the very spirit of Christmas — clean and fragrant . . . gayety and cheer in its lights and ornaments . . . loving gifts heaped beneath it.

Where it stands . . . there is your own little corner of happiness in a troubled world. *What* it stands for . . . makes you deeply thankful that you are an American with a right to express freely your belief in a way of living that seeks peace and good will for all mankind.

Guard this tree . . . as you would guard your way of life. Protect it from thoughtless or careless acts that would change this symbol of Christmas joy, in a tragic instant, into a flaming inferno.

Observe these Safety Rules for a Merry Christmas

DO choose a small tree. It's less of a fire hazard. Keep it away from radiators, heater, fireplace. Use wiring with the U.L. Label. Dispose of gift wrappings promptly *outside* the house. Take tree down when needles start to fall.

DON'T use cotton, paper or other flammable material for decorations. Don't use candles. Don't use frayed light strings or worn extension cords. Don't overload circuits. Don't leave tree lights burning when you go out. Don't smoke or use matches near tree.

STOP FIRE
the Fifth Horseman

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Timely tips on African-violet care

Watch pot rims

Have the lower leaves of your African-violets collapsed? If so, abrasions from resting on the rims of clay pots have allowed soil salts to enter the leaves and kill them. You can prevent the damage by dipping rims in paraffin, or by crimping tin-foil strips over the pot rim, as shown. Or use glazed pots. Be sure pot is large enough for plant

Watch water temperature

Lukewarm water is safe for syringing dust from African-violet leaves, but cold water spots leaves. Another way to clean them is to brush dust off with a camel's-hair brush. Sharp air puffs from a syringe are a quicker way. Avoid bruising in any case, and don't use a brush that will scratch leaves. Remove faded blossoms to have completely neat and tidy plant. (For display, see African-violets in color on page 55)

Lucky Lazybones!

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COMBED PERCALE SHEETS—AT YOUR KIND OF PRICE!

You're an expert when it comes to getting the most out of life. You love the little luxuries that mean so much—like Lady Pepperell Fine Combed Percale Sheets. And Lady Pepperell Sheets are one luxury you can afford! Though they're fine combed for silken beauty, with a texture soft as a caress, they're surprisingly sturdy, long-wearing, and priced to please your budget. You'll love them—in traditional white and 7 "personality" colors—pink, light blue, peach, maize, aqua, rose, Spring green.

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READER'S DIGEST* reports the same research which proves that brushing teeth right after eating with

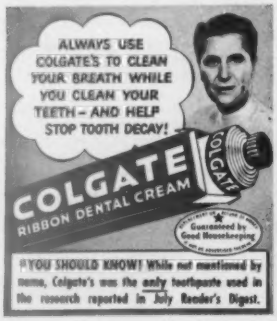
COLGATE DENTAL CREAM STOPS TOOTH DECAY BEST

Better Than Any Other Way of Preventing Tooth Decay According to Published Reports!

Reader's Digest recently reported on one of the most extensive experiments in dentifrice history! And here are additional facts: The one and only toothpaste used in this research was Colgate Dental Cream. Yes, and two years' research showed brushing teeth right after eating with Colgate Dental Cream stopped decay *best!* Better than any other home method of oral hygiene! The Colgate way stopped *more* decay for *more* people than ever reported in all dentifrice history!

No Other Toothpaste or Powder Ammoniated or Not Offers Proof of Such Results!

Even more important, there were no new cavities whatever for more than 1 out of 3 who used Colgate Dental Cream correctly! Think of it! Not even *one* new cavity in two full years! No other dentifrice has proof of such results! No dentifrice can stop *all* tooth decay, or help cavities already started. But the Colgate way is the most effective way yet known to help your dentist prevent decay.



An accordion-type Victorian hatrack is a handy parking place for hats, purses, and umbrella. Gaily colored farm-scene paper continues the old-fashioned atmosphere of this small room

Antiques you can use every day

Here's how one family uses antiques as the practical solution to a common problem—magazine storage

By Polly Beredith

Photographs, Hedrich-Blessing

A copper wash boiler makes a good container for large magazines. French Provincial chair is a conversation piece. It was upholstered by machine-quilting red bandanas through a "stuffing" of sheet cotton batting laid between the top and a base of old sheets. Note careful placing of the border pattern

An old-fashioned towel rack holds medium-size magazines, makes it easy for reader to mark stopping place. Small unfinished clothes-drying racks could be painted to fit your color scheme, or stained, and used this way

An old family cradle holds bedside reading and sewing in the Luther Gambell home, in Mount Washington, Ohio. Mellow tones of the natural wood came to light after Mrs. Gambell removed eight coats of paint added over the years

SOME DO! SOME DON'T!

WITH—OR WITHOUT RINSING—

Tide does a better washing job than any soap on earth!

Whichever way you wash . . . *Tide* gives you WHITE, BRIGHT, DAZZLING CLEAN CLOTHES!

Lady, it just doesn't matter which method you choose—or *what soaps* you may have tried—Tide will do a *better* job for your family wash than *any* soap! Tide, unlike soap, forms no soap film EVER. That one fact alone revolutionized washing results. What's more, Tide actually *dissolves* dirt out of clothes . . . *holds dirt suspended* in the sudsy water. Wring out the clothes—dirt goes, too! And your wash comes so wonderfully fresh and clean it's a joy to hang it out! Get Procter & Gamble's Tide today—there's *nothing* like it!

"My Tide wash simply sparkles—it's so dazzling white, so sweet, so clean!"

SAYS MRS. BERTHA BRADLEY, MILTON, MASS.

"I just can't rave enough about the way Tide gets dirty clothes *clean!* Tide really seems *different*—it leaves my wash so dazzling white, so sweet and clean! And clothes dry so beautifully soft . . . and have such a wonderful fresh, 'outdoorsy' smell. Believe me, there's *nothing* like Tide!"

Never before TIDE could you wash your heaviest, dirtiest clothes SO CLEAN!

- Leaves no soap film ever!
- Miracle clean clothes—with or without rinsing!
- Dazzling white clothes—with no bleach or bluing!
- Soap-dulled colors actually come bright and fresh!
- Clothes dry soft—iron beautifully!
- And Tide does all this *safely*—rinse or no rinse!

Everybody come and see

WOOLWORTH'S

Gumdrop Goody Tree

LARGE 13" TREE—Use it as a dinner centerpiece, as a canape server. Clear plastic with bon-bon dish base. each **49¢**

COLORFUL CANDY for decorating (*as shown*). Big 12-oz. bag of pure spiced gumdrops. **20¢**

13" tree with 12-oz. bag of gumdrops. **69¢** *complete*

All prices slightly higher in the West

7" TREE—Put one at each child's place at parties. Use for place settings at dinners. *each* **10¢**

CANDY for decorating (as shown) 5-oz. bag of spiced gumdrops. . . . . **9¢**

7" tree with 5-oz. bag of gumdrops. . . *complete* **19¢**

Don't wait another second to see Woolworth's exciting plastic tree with its colorful gumdrop ornaments that look good enough to eat—and are! For children's parties . . . birthdays holidays Christmas it's a fairy tale come to life. For grown-up entertaining, the 13" tree is a smart, conversation-making canape server or dinner centerpiece idea . . . the smaller 7" tree makes an ideal individual place marker. And you're sure to think of dozens of other clever year-'round uses. Come—see the wonderful Goody Tree at Woolworth's—now!

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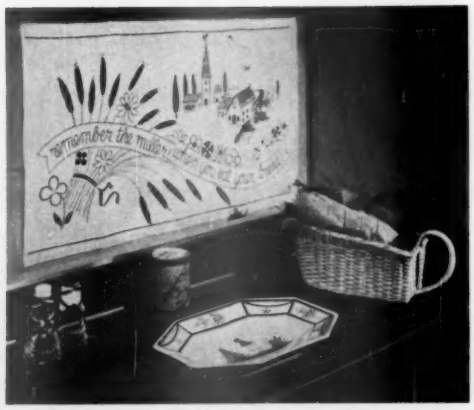


This is a towel pretty enough for a wall hanging. Colors are yellow and brown. Oil and vinegar bottles are wrapped with red, white, and blue string. Tea caddy and platter are hand-painted. Basket holds hot bread

These pretty up your kitchen

Brighten your kitchen through winter's gray days with a gay accent—a bright towel, a painted plate. See how small accessories like the ones here can spark up your whole room

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Antique-finished spice cabinet holds nine spices and herbs, each labeled on the front of the drawer. On top is a milk-glass chicken for salt. Gay, hand-painted plates flank the tall, narrow cabinet

More on page 22

What a present! Your own wished-for *Gorham Camellia* Sterling!

IMAGINE SETTING your table with Gorham Sterling—beautiful Gorham Camellia.

For Camellia is a graceful, youthful pattern of delicate charm...inspired by the intricate lace design in a Spanish mantilla.

You'll be so proud of owning this solid silver. You'll be so practical, too. For Gorham Sterling lasts forever. In fact, it grows more lovely... more lustrous...with use!

You can start your set of Gorham "Camellia"* —with a place-setting of six pieces. You'll be surprised at how many additional place-settings and pieces you'll get at Christmas, on anniversaries and birthdays. It won't be long before you'll have your full set!

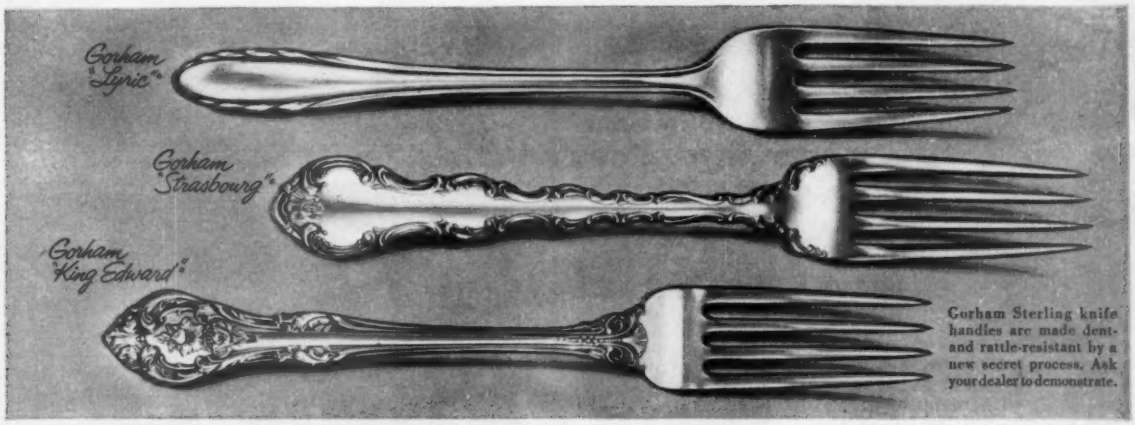
Why not visit your Gorham dealer and pick out your favorite from the sixteen Gorham Sterling patterns—always-in-fashion, always-in-open-stock. From $27.75 to $35.00 per six-piece place-setting (incl. 20% Fed. Tax).

YOU'LL BE PROUD TO SAY—

IT'S *Gorham* STERLING*

America's Leading Silversmiths Since 1831

No wonder Gorham* is America's leading sterling! You can see the finer design and craftsmanship—feel the better balance in Gorham Sterling.



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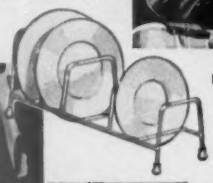
Next best thing to a maid–

Rubbermaid **HOUSEWARE**

Put Rubbermaid to work for you. See how carefree life can be when Rubbermaid dries your dishes, hushes clatter, protects precious surfaces, and keeps your dishes from chipping.

DISHES DRY THEMSELVES. Rubbermaid *Deluxe Dish Drainer* is double-capacity to hold more dishes, give cushioned protection. Stand-up silverware holder for extra-quick draining. Matching Rubbermaid *Draining Tray* with built-in slope carries drain and rinse water into your sink. Dishes dry sparkling.



EFFICIENCY EXPERT. Rubbermaid *Plate Rack* is the new way to store dishes... lets you get the right plate in a hurry. Cushions dishes against breaking and chipping.

SAVE THAT SURFACE. Rubbermaid *Stove Top Protector* guards against damage by hot pans, stains, scratches. Provides safe, extra working space, too.

Send for the free folder showing complete Rubbermaid line.

RELAX! Rubbermaid *Tredeasy Floor Mat* keeps you fresh and rested while you iron, get meals, do dishes. Soft, thick sponge rubber cushion makes you feel as if you're standing on a cloud.

See the complete Rubbermaid line wherever housewares are sold in U.S. and Canada.

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THE WOOSTER RUBBER COMPANY, Dept. B-4, Wooster, Ohio

The quality, home-engineered brand that assures resistance to heat, soap, grease, and wear.

Pretty up your kitchen

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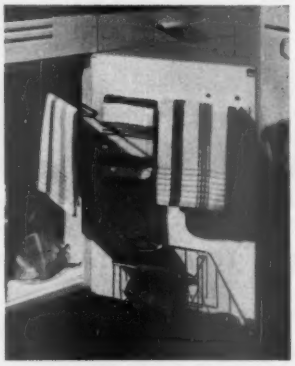
Blue canisters and bread box have scalloped lids and white painted fruit design to dress up your kitchen counter. Fluted aluminum dessert mold doubles as a server for nuts in the shell



Hidden pretties come to light when you open this door under the kitchen sink. The same red, white, and blue stripes cross the linen towel, dishcloth, and terry hand towel. Practical red pot holder will not show soil

Bring color into your kitchen with bright dish towels. You'll find a wide choice of decorative linen towels on the market in colors to match your kitchen. Towels shown are in bold reds, greens, and blues. The shiny, hammered-brass pots hold ivy

Handy glass bowls are raffia-covered in vivid yellow with red trim. They're marked on the front for "Pretzels," "Tidbits," and "Nuts." Use them, too, for popcorn. Matching sugar jar and salt and pepper shakers add a gay touch to the counter

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Gifts to surprise
Gifts of Vinylite

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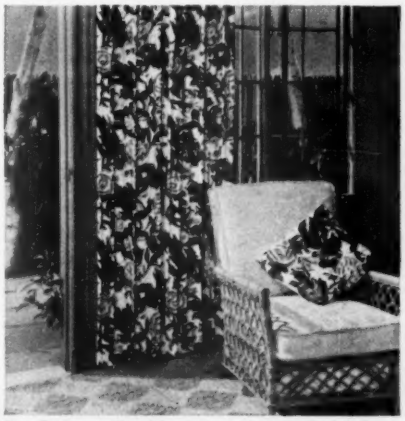
It's fun to give *and* receive any of the many, many wonderful things made of VINYLITE Brand Plastic! Remember this "first name in plastics" is your assurance that the item you select was produced by a trustworthy manufacturer. You can depend on it for top performance. So look for the "Made of VINYLITE Brand Plastics" signature when you shop. Pronounce the trade-mark "Vine-na-lite."

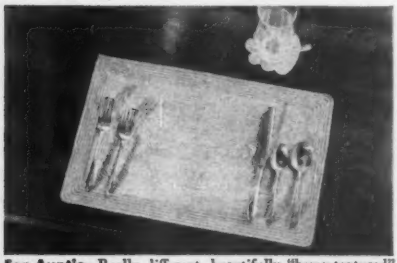
For Pop. Practical "Seal-Dri" waders made of waterproof VINYLITE Plastic. They slip on over stocking feet (old shoes are worn over them), keep Dad dry. By Seal-Dri Sportswear Co., Rockford, Ill.

For Missy. Smart junior rainwear made of VINYLITE Plastic provides colorful protection against the wet. Comes with matching hood. By Hollywood Silk Products, Inc., 5450 W. 104th St., Los Angeles 45, California.



For Granny. Cheerful, "Craftspun" draperies. Made of VINYLITE Plastics, they come in gorgeous patterns and colors. They need no laundering, swish clean with a damp cloth. By Scranton Lace Company, 295 Fifth Ave., New York City.

For Sissy. Cute Doll-Bath in pink and blue is easy to keep clean because it's made of VINYLITE Plastic. It's stain-resistant, unusually durable, sure to delight any little girl. By Trimble, Inc., Rochester, New York.



For Auntie. Really different, beautifully "hemp-textured" Plastimats made of VINYLITE Plastic add a touch of style to every table. Washable, durable, they come in many lovely colors. By Hedwin Corp., 1525 West 41st St., Baltimore 11, Md.

For Unk. Handsome chair covered with calf-grained material made of VINYLITE Plastic. Luxurious-looking upholstery is waterproof, easily washable, long wearing, scuff-resistant. By Viking Artline Corporation, Eldred, Pa.

For Mom. Distinguished luggage made of VINYLITE Plastic wears as well as it looks. Beautifully styled . . . resists scuffing, peeling . . . wipes clean with a damp cloth. By Fulton Leather Goods, Inc., 138 West 25th Street, New York City.

For Sonny. This "Joe Palooka Bop Bag" made of sturdy VINYLITE Plastic inflates to a boy size punching bag. The weighted bottom brings it back for more punishment from the young athlete. By Ideal Novelty & Toy Co., Hollis 7, N.Y.

YOU KNOW IT'S RIGHT IF IT'S . . .

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Great new 1951 G-E

General Electric Refrigerators give you much more *storage* space than most refrigerators now in use . . . yet they occupy no larger floor area!

Space for everything...

. . . *and everything's in its place.* All the food you see here can easily and quickly be placed in one of the new 10-cu-ft G-E Refrigerator-Food Freezer Combinations!

There's so much space for meats, fruits and vegetables in the fresh-food compartment . . . and the food freezer stores so many, many packages of frozen food . . . that you need shop only when you feel in the mood!

The new General Electric Refrigerators give you 25% to 50% more storage space than most refrigerators now in use, occupying the same floor area. Furthermore, there's a *special* place for everything. No more groping to find exactly what you want!

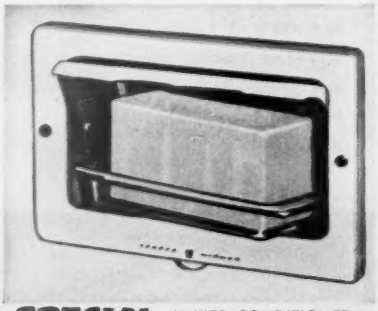
These new, wonderful convenience features are standard equipment in all General Electric Refrigerator-Food Freezer Combinations!

NEW! REDI-CUBE ICE TRAYS

Now, for the first time, you can pick out cubes *singly*, and return the rest—still in the dividers—to the refrigerator. Cubes will not drop out! It's another General Electric *first!*

NEW! VEGETABLE ROLLA-DRAWERS

New Rolla-Drawers, on rubber-tired wheels, roll *quietly!* Easy to keep clean. Dewy cold in drawers helps keep vegetables garden-fresh! Each drawer holds 12½ quarts.

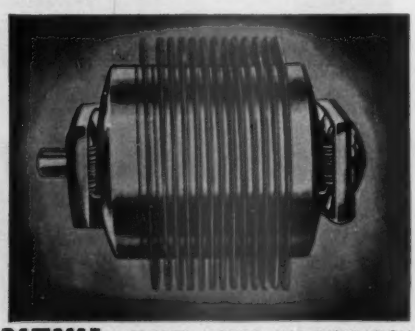


SPECIAL BUTTER CONDITIONER

Special conditioner, mounted in refrigerator door, has a special electric element that keeps a full pound of butter at best *spreading* temperature!

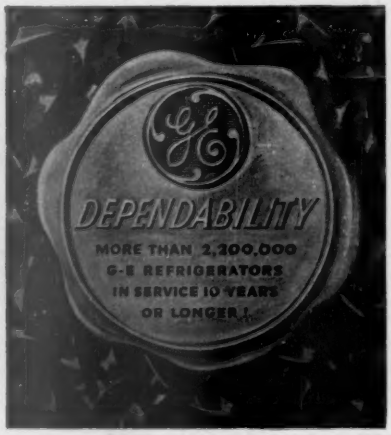
NEW! STURDY ALUMINUM SHELVES

Long-lasting aluminum shelves, which will not rust, are highly polished and slide forward easily. Notice the new, narrow wire spacing which helps prevent even the *smallest* bottles from tipping! A real advantage!



NEW! IMPROVED MOTOR AND INSULATION

To assure more quiet operation than ever, there's a new G-E motor and a new spring mounting! New, higher-efficiency Fiberglas insulation in the cabinet makes a worthwhile reduction in operating cost!



Refrigerators GIVE YOU UP TO 50% MORE FOOD SPACE!

THIS CHRISTMAS, surprise that lovely wife of yours with one of the most wonderful refrigerators money can buy—a General Electric Refrigerator-Food Freezer Combination that has space for *everything* . . . that assures you of dependable, economical operation year after year.

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More than 2,200,000 General Electric Refrigerators with sealed refrigerating systems are still performing faithfully after 10 years. Many as long as 15 and 20 years, and longer.

Why not see your nearest G-E dealer today? You'll find him listed in your classified telephone directory under General Electric Refrigerators. General Electric Company, Bridgeport 2, Conn.

Here are two *different* refrigerators . . .
each the finest of its type in the world. See which one *you* should own!

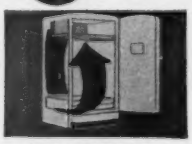
NEW! In this model NHX-10H there's a *separate* refrigerator plus a *separate* freezer. Each has its own door. In addition to the conveniences on the opposite page, it has these features:

NEW! This efficient refrigerator (the G E model LF 10H) has one outer door, and an inner door for the freezer section. In addition to the conveniences on the opposite page, it has these features:

NEW! Alnico Magnets grip the door shut, seal it completely all the way around. No more slam!

Frost does not build up in the fresh-food section. Uncovered foods do not dry out! Foods remain crisp and fresh longer!

NEW! Foot pedal opens lower door. Hands not needed to open the Alnico Magnetic Door to the fresh-food section!



New, balanced design assures *best* air circulation

New G-E principle gives you safe refrigeration throughout the entire cabinet, automatically. Balanced design automatically controls cabinet temperature over a wide range of room temperatures.

No More Drip Problem!

It eliminates the troublesome drip problem by minimizing and collecting moisture before it can reach food. Defrosting is no chore in this General Electric Refrigerator!

NEW! Break-resistant meat dish that is really deep and spacious! Large enough to hold your *biggest* week-end roasts!

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Have you heard the

Latest Garden News?

By Dr. R. Milton Carleton

Aspidistra in comeback

Believe it or not, the aspidistra of Gracie Fields renown is making a comeback. Time was when this "Iron plant" graced the parlor of every home with any pretense to elegance. Today, however, it has a new use. It is being planted out of doors in the Gulf States and up into Arkansas as an ornamental. It forms thick mats of vigorous, dark green foliage, surviving in shade or full sun. Because of thick storage roots, it can stand drouth for weeks on end without wilting.

Wonder grass in four years

Seed of *Zoysia japonica*, the new wonder grass that drives out crabgrass and grubs of Japanese beetles, may be on the market in three or four years. When first grown experimentally, specialists thought it would not seed freely in America. But it has been developed to a point where heavy-seeding varieties are under test. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports release of seeds to growers may be possible in a year or two.

After that, two or three years will be needed to work up stocks for small-scale introduction. In test plantings of Zoysia from seed that I am observing, a single plant spread over an area 15 inches square in a few months.

New grass variety under test

A new variety of the desirable St. Augustine grass now is on test in Atlanta. St. Augustine usually is considered a grass for frost-free areas. But this new variety, called *Bitter Blue St. Augustine*, has survived well. It is a deeper, richer green in color. It will have to be propagated vegetatively by sprigs, as seed has not been produced by this variety.

Why sick roses drop their leaves

Why do roses affected with black spot drop their leaves? The actual area of surface destroyed doesn't seem enough to kill the entire leaf—yet it turns yellow and drops off before the entire leaf has been invaded.

Work at Cornell University shows that diseased parts give off large amounts of ethylene gas, which causes the leaf to drop. Studies are under way to see if this knowledge can be used to lick black spot.

Lilies are rich feeders

Must lilies be fed only with old, well-rotted manure? Not so, says Dr. S. L. Emsweller of the Bureau of Plant Industry. Lilies are rich feeders and like plenty of nitrogen. They will take it in the form of chemical

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PUT THOSE PANS AWAY, LADY—
BAKERS BAKE DELICIOUS CAKE!

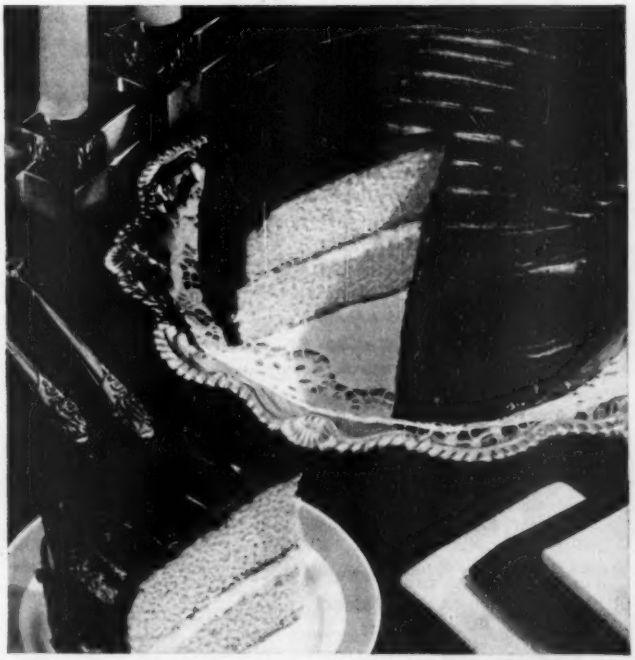
That's a typical *baker's* cake in the photograph below. And it tastes as good as it looks!

Because *modern* bakers use the same high-quality ingredients you would use; bake fresh daily with the same care you would take!

Give them a chance to show you how baking has *improved*. Give *yourself* a chance to get out of the kitchen—out of the house! Go do something you'd ten times rather do than stay home baking cake!

Buy a cake today . . . at your bake-shop, your grocer's or from the baker who calls at your door.

See how *good* it is! See how *grand* it is to *let your baker do your baking while you enjoy yourself!*



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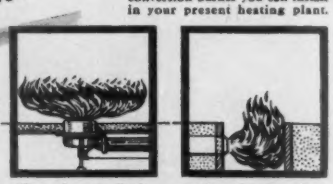

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fertilizers, as well as from organic sources. Tests Doctor Emsweller has run show many lily troubles are due to semistarvation. They make heavy demands on food elements other than nitrogen toward the end of the season. So a complete fertilizer is recommended.

Petunia seed may be scarce

Petunia seed may be scarce for a year or two until California seedsmen solve a serious problem in petunia growing in that section.

A disease called curly top affects beets and is transmitted by leaf hoppers. Until the summer of 1950, leaf hoppers did not seem to infect petunias. A new strain of the virus developed for some reason, however, and has proved devastating to this flower. Overnight, large plantings began to die.

Seedsmen now are looking for isolated acreage where petunias can be grown away from beet-growing areas. Fortunately, the disease is not seed-borne, so there is no danger of bringing it to new sections by planting seed grown on infected plants.

Sulfur underrated as plant nutrient

The Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio, has classed sulfur, often acutely short in American soils, as "the most underrated plant nutrient."

Sulfur is a major building block from which proteins are made, and plants are the source of all sulfur used by animals. In addition to its role as a protein raw material, sulfur is essential to the formation of chlorophyll.

The institute did not make a recommendation for sulfur fertilization, but I found that gypsum or calcium sulfate is an excellent source from which plants can draw this vital element. A hundred pounds of gypsum to 1,000 square feet is the maximum dose to be used.

Dead trees sprout foliage

Scientists working with radioactive phosphorus have proved that trees take up phosphorus one season but don't use it until the next year. This already was known in the case of nitrogen, and is probably true of other plant food elements as well.

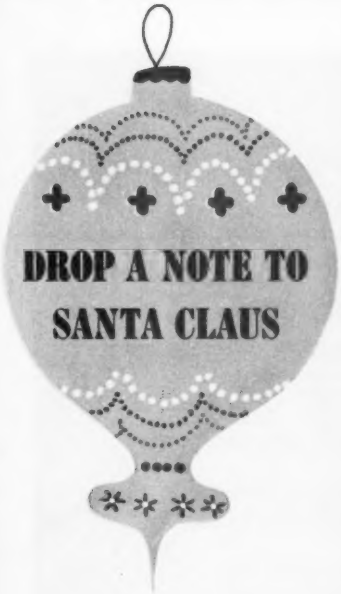
I had a dramatic demonstration last summer. In the dead of winter, 1949, I brushed the bark of a big catalpa tree on my property with 2,4,5-T in oil. I was certain this would kill the tree, but it leafed out normally in the spring of 1950. When the leaves continued to grow, I scraped away the bark to a height of four feet and found it dead, with no connection between roots and branches. The tree continued to grow well into August, entirely on food stored in the wood of the tree above ground level. So if you are using one of the 2,4,5-T-in-oil chemicals to kill trees, don't be impatient if you still have foliage next spring.

Prevents labels from rotting

The thin, wooden labels used for marking plants in the garden seldom last one season, due to rotting.

This past spring and summer, I used labels which had been dipped in pentachlorophenol and dried for several months. They have lasted many times as long as untreated labels, and probably will still be legible and unrotted next spring.

After soaking, the labels should dry over winter before using because the material is harmful to plants. "Penta" can be had from most large lumber dealers.



Coloramic in Hollywood style, about $99.95 with four chairs. Bronze or silver gray legs. Limed oak, chartreuse, gray or green wood-grain Daystromite top. Chairs in red, green, yellow, chartreuse or gray Stardust.*

And ask for Coloramic—a Christmas gift for the whole family—to keep them dining merrily every day! Sleek-lined, sturdy steel legs and frames are sheathed with colorful, satin-smooth plastic that resists cracking, fading and peeling. The Wonder Top shrugs off scratches, stains, scars, heat—yes, even lighted cigarettes! And every bright inch is washable—from the rich upholstery to the Wonder Top! Best of all, Coloramic's at home even in formal décor—yet it's priced for modest purses!

Playdine comes in 2 different sizes, about $124.50 and $144.50* with four chairs. Triple-plated chrome legs. Daystromite top in gray pearl. Chairs in a gay array of colors and patterns.*

Put Playdine on your list, too!

Everyone will love this table with a triple personality! For meals it's a graceful dining table with a handsome Wonder Top. But that's not all! The durable top slides smoothly aside in a jiffy—and you have a versatile game table with two convenient playing levels, both covered with rich, green felt. Safe, secure places for glasses, chips and ash trays, too!

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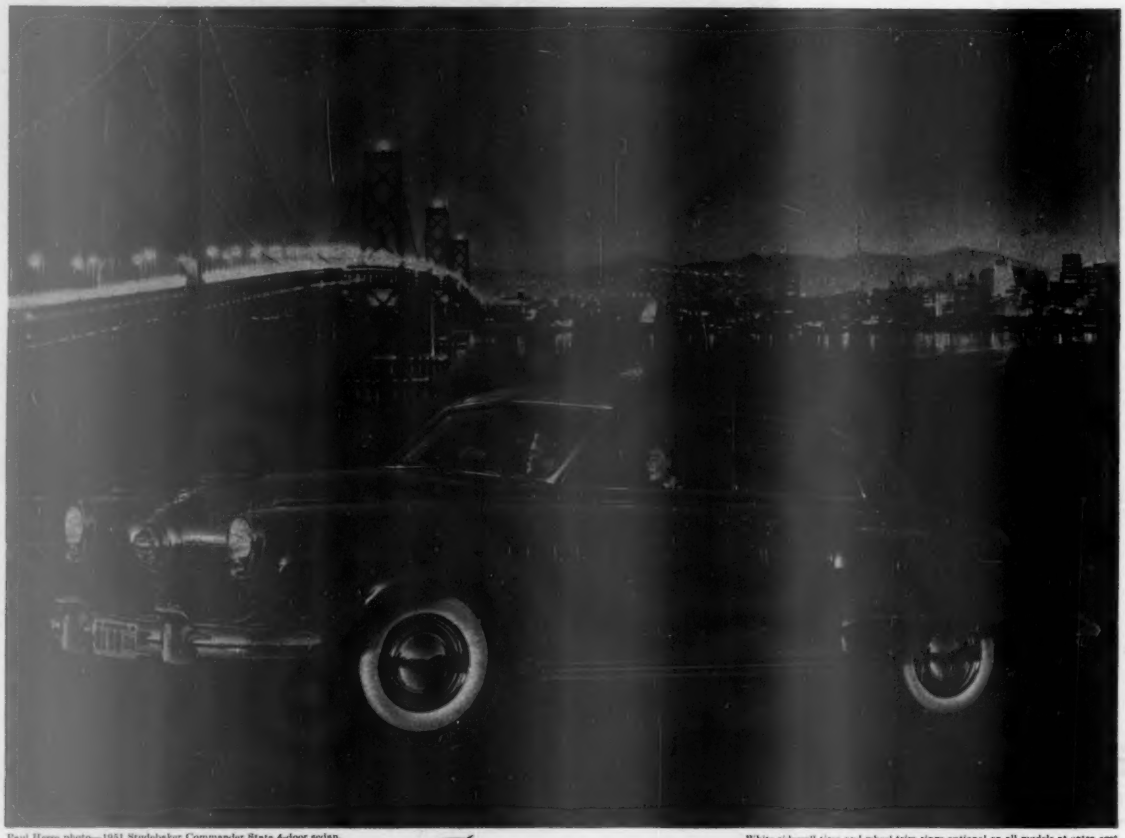

Paul Hosse photo—1951 Studebaker Commander State 4-door sedan.

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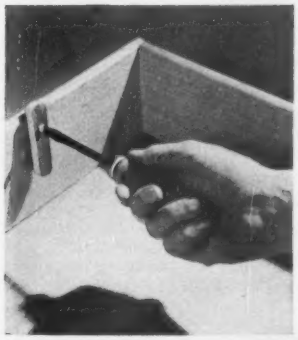
STUDEBAKER...THE THRIFTY ONE FOR '51

How-to for the handyman

Bad break? Don't throw out toys or other articles made of plastic when they get broken. You can patch them up with a soldering iron—but no solder. Heat iron, press broken parts together, and run tip of iron along the break. Heat will fuse edges together, making the toy as good as new.

E. R. Burrier
Cynwyd, Pennsylvania



More drawer lore. Here is insurance against spilling the contents of a desk or dresser drawer. Using a single screw, attach tongue of wood to the back of the drawer. Extending ½ inch above drawer back, it will catch on frame as the drawer is pulled out. Turn it down to remove drawer.

Richard P. Trump, Ames, Iowa

Blunt stunt. A razor-sharp edge on a chipped piece of glassware can be dulled to end the danger of gashed fingers. Simply sand the edge smooth with a piece of fine sandpaper. If you want to remove a lot of glass, wet surface and use waterproof silicon-carbide cloth, selecting a medium grit.

C. J. Langbecker
Portage, Wisconsin

Heads up. In salvaging hardwood, sometimes you can't pull old nails through point first. But you still can avoid splitting wood out on the surface. Lay face of board on scrap of softwood, and give nail point a sharp tap. Old putty and nailhead will bury themselves in softwood, without splitting out. Turn board and draw nail.

W. R. Quigley
San Anselmo, California

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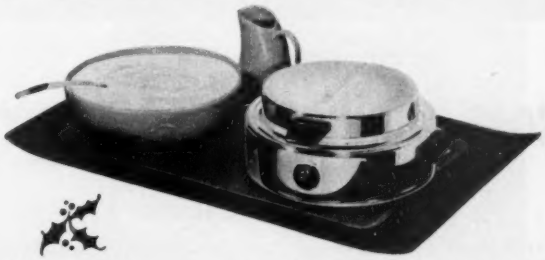
Toastmaster Gifts

SHE'LL HAVE PARTIES that almost give *themselves* with the "Toastmaster" "Hospitality"* Set. Four handmade crystal party plates and three matching relish dishes make the simplest snacks exciting—invite self-service, free the hostess for fun. Hand-rubbed walnut tray. Includes the famous "Toastmaster"* Toaster.



A REAL PARTY-PROMOTER—the "Toastmaster" Waffle Service. Handsome walnut tray has loads of extra uses. So, too, have the batter bowl and syrup pitcher in sprout-green Franciscan Ware. Graceful chromium ladle measures out one waffle—to a drop! Includes the "Toastmaster" Waffle Baker with "Silteet"* non-stick grids.

FOR SNACKS THAT HIT THE SPOT with youngsters after school, oldsters after the show—there's nothing like the new "Toastmaster" "Toast 'n Jam"* Set. A breakfast-brightener, too. Handsome walnut tray, gay colored jars and toast plate of fine Franciscan Ware, and the beautiful "Toastmaster" Toaster.

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How-to for the handyman

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Always on hand. If you are an occasional handyman, you may not keep a supply of mechanic's soap. But you can finish a greasy job and be ready for dinner in a jiffy. Just borrow a little kitchen cleanser from your wife. It isn't guaranteed for lovely hands, but it will get the grime off.

Hugh Linebock
Stillwater, Oklahoma

Fast fact finder. Do you have trouble locating how-to-do-it articles when you get around to applying them? Clip the table of contents from each issue. Underline the titles that interest you particularly. Then glue the page in a separate loose-leaf book. That way, you won't have to thumb through several magazines to find the information you want.

J. F. Boehr, Bellaire, Texas

Turn right now. You can't clamp a nutcracker on a fruit-jar cover that is stuck. But you can improve your grip and impress your wife. Tap the lid lightly around the edge. Then wrap a couple of turns of friction tape on it, and turn it off. Friction is the secret.

William C. Gerling, Cleveland

No time for snow time? Soon children will be struggling their hardest with rubbers and overshoes. To make their job easier, and yours too, strip a piece of cellophane tape around the heel of each shoe. Without rubber-to-rubber contact, on they go.

Mrs. Leonard Smith
Pigeon, Michigan

Peace on earth starts with peace of mind

The inner strength of a family—or of a nation—comes in no small part from its faith in the future. At this gay yet solemn season we send our greetings to the millions of Prudential families who already have the security that comes with Prudential protection—as well as to those families who have yet to discover the happiness that comes Today from confidence in Tomorrow.

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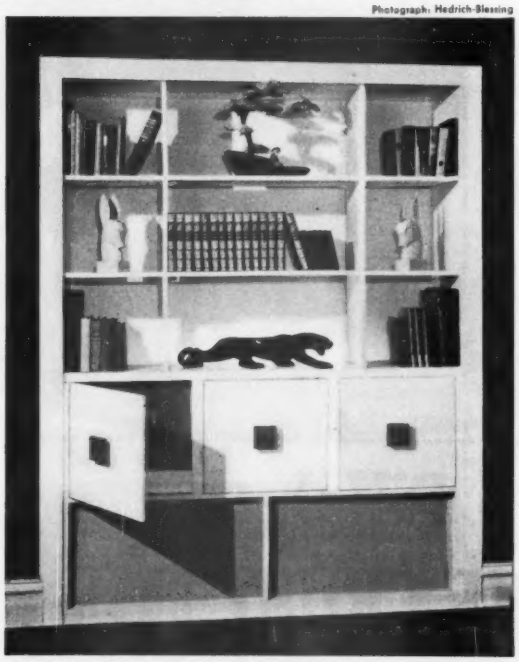
How to better a built-in

When the William Thompsons moved into their roomy but not new apartment on Chicago's South Side, one of the first jobs they tackled was remodeling the ugly, old-fashioned sideboard in their living-dining room.

In place of it, they now have a clean-lined, modern built-in with shelves for books and accessories above, a concealed radio-phonograph and record storage unit below, and a loud-speaker at the bottom. And the cost of the improvement—because they did the work themselves—was gratifyingly low.

BEFORE: Thirty years old and 20 years out of date, this dark sideboard was a blot on the Thompsons' personal landscape

Photograph: Hedrich-Blessing



AFTER: A careful ripping-out job, some just-as-careful carpentry, $12 worth of clear one-inch lumber, and two coats of white paint produced this useful—and eye-pleasing—result. Shelves are far enough apart so this built-in won't seem jammed with books, will show back of cabinet

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Wonderful as you are...

The pie you see here with all its blue-ribbon, championship look was made with a mix—Pillsbury Pie Crust Mix. Did you ever see a pie with such flakiness, such apparent tenderness, such golden-brown crustiness?

How does this come about? Because Pillsbury has a way of blending shortening into flour that even your capable hands can't possibly duplicate (it's called the Deep-Chilled Process). Take a last glance at this pie. It's championship pie baking with the pitfalls taken out. Wonderful as you are, you can now be extra wonderful at this holiday time.

Pillsbury BEST XXXX Mixes

You and Ann Pillsbury can make a great team

NEW!

The pie crust mix that's made by the DEEP-CHILLED PROCESS

The Deep-Chilled Process is Pillsbury's exclusive way of blending fine shortening into the flour at low temperatures. This produces a flakiness, tenderness and uniformity of crust not possible in home practice.

Get your favorite brand of mincemeat at your grocer's and get set for a traditional mince pie over the holidays.

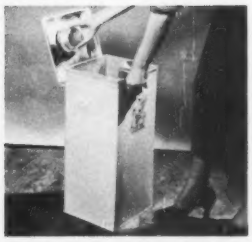
Just add water

Pillsbury PIE CRUST MIX

MADE BY THE NEW DEEP-CHILLED PROCESS

It's NEWS to me!

By Barbara Baird



Nursery hamper especially for diapers comes equipped with deodorant in aluminum container on underside of lid. Overlapping lid closes on edges of plastic liner, fits tightly enough to prevent escape of odors. Lightweight, all-aluminum hamper is finished in gleaming white with colorful nursery decal figure. Measures 10"x10"x26"; holds more than 80 diapers. *Diaper Hamper*, $7.95, in stores. Joseph Jacobs & Son, Rockville Centre, N. Y.

Lighter operates on bottled gas and is good for 3,000 lights without a refill. Cartridge of butane gas fits into case, can be easily replaced. No wick or fluid used; dry gas lights instantly without imparting a taste or smell to your smoke. Automatic gas flame gives clean, dry, sure firing, is completely safe. *Spark Lite*, $22.50, (de luxe model illustrated), in stores. Sparklet Devices, Inc., Bent Ave. & Potomac St., St. Louis 16, Mo.

Stepladder of featherweight magnesium, weighing but 3¾ pounds, is easy to maneuver around the house and folds up to store in small space. Legs are rubber-footed to avoid marking floors, steps ridged for safety. *Whitelight Magnesium Junior Stepladder*, $7.98, in stores. White Metal Rolling and Stamping Corp., Moultrie and Calyer St., Brooklyn 22, N. Y.

Midget vacuum cleaner fits in glove compartment of your car, is always handy to clean upholstery and floor. Connects to windshield-wiper hose through glove-compartment wall or, where wipers are electric, to engine intake manifold. Installation requires no special tools; instructions are easy to follow. *Vacu Mite*, $2.50, ppd. Thrifty Products Co., P. O. Box 371, Brooklyn 1, N. Y.

Heat-resistant enamel gives your old stove a color lift, makes radiators part of the room decorative scheme. Enamel will not discolor, peel, nor crack from heat up to 500 degrees, dries to a hard, smooth, porcelainlike finish that resists wear, scrubbing, boiling water, or grease. Easily applied by brush. Half-pint will cover an average-size kitchen range with one coat. The enamel used on radiators increases heat radiation, gives more warmth with less fuel. Available in decorator colors: leaf green, cloud gray, suntan. *Sapolin Radiator & Range Enamel*, 70c half-pint, in stores. Sapolin Paints Inc., 229 East 42nd St., New York, N.Y.

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Tables and Cheers

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Who sent "her" a table,
Cheers and a great, loud hurray!
A grand Willett table—
Why, you'd think he was Gable
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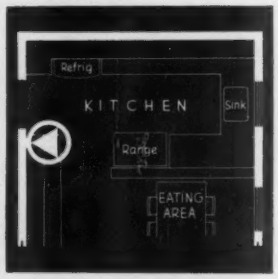

Do you know how you can keep the walls and woodwork in your new home handsome? Keep telephone wires hidden! All it takes is a little advance planning.

Mark on your floor plans the exact places where you want telephones. While your house is going up, your builder can place a few lengths of pipe or tubing inside the walls leading to each outlet. It is this tubing that carries the telephone wires out of sight.

For further information about this important home feature, call your nearest Bell Telephone Business Office and ask for "Architects and Builders Service."

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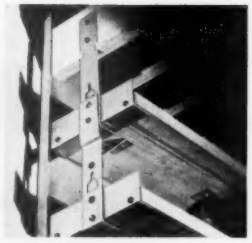

Metal shelf support makes it an easy job to put up substantial shelving in basement, attic, garage. Basic metal shelf unit attaches to joists and extends down to support top shelf. Additional shelf units can be added to bring the bank of shelves down as close to the floor as you want them. *Ad-A-Stor* (metal supports only, without wood shelves), $1.39 basic unit that attaches to joist; 89c and 99c for additional shelf units of varying sizes, in stores or ppd. from manufacturer. W. J. Gamin Co., Box 657, Jackson, Mich.

Teamaker combines teakettle and teapot in one unit. Glass kettle can be used on any kitchen range. Tea bags or bulk tea can be brewed in 6-cup teapot. Clear glass shows color of tea brew and is easy to keep clean. *Cory Teamaker*, $2.95, in stores. Cory Corporation, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago 1, Ill.

Kitchen cabinet holds all the little gadgets that clutter up your cutlery drawer. Hang them on movable hooks on one side of the cabinet; store spices on the other. Cabinet can be hung on wall with either end up so as to have a left-hand or a right-hand opening. Both sides are the same depth; one with two easily detachable shelves, the other with clip-on hooks. Steel case is enameled in white, yellow, or red. Closed cabinet measures 15"x10½"x3⅝". *Gadgetainer Combination*, $3.50, in stores. Lennox Metal Mfg. Co., Inc., Maspeth, Long Island, N.Y.

Baby raincoat made of Vinylite plastic has full-length slide fastener up the front. Bunting-type garment is full enough to go around a bundled-up baby. Transparent bunting with blue, pink, or maize trim. *Bunny-Boon Plastic Bunting*, $2.98, in stores. Bunny-Boon Co., 3601 E. 47th St., Minneapolis 6, Minn.

Kiddies' phonograph has all wiring safely enclosed in sturdy redwood case, is U.L. approved. Cartoon kitten on front lights up when phonograph is playing, glows in the dark when not playing. Lightweight tone arm, volume control, excellent tone and pickup. *Melodier Phonograph*, $19.95, in stores. Waters Conley Co., 601 First Ave., N.W., Rochester, Minn.

Mailbox will take heavy magazines and papers without folding or damaging covers, and has plenty of room to spare for regular mail and outsize envelopes. Rainproof box measures approximately 17" long, 5" wide, 6" deep, outside dimensions. Constructed of rough-finish aluminum or rust-resistant steel, painted Cape Cod white or metallic green. Channel on front of box holds ⅞" plastic letters to spell out your name. Specify box color and name. *Kel-Pak Mailbox*, $5.95, ppd. Gordon L. Kelley, 904 Drew St., Clearwater, Fla.

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Heirloom's "Mansion House"*
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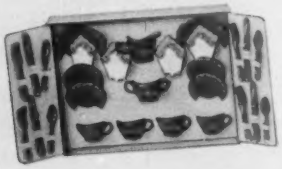

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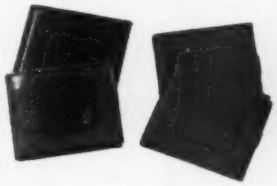

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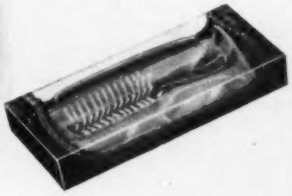

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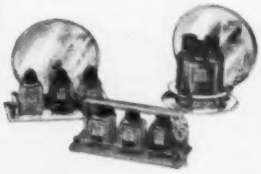

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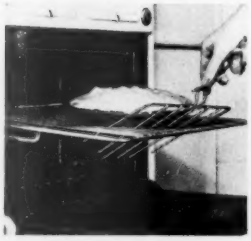
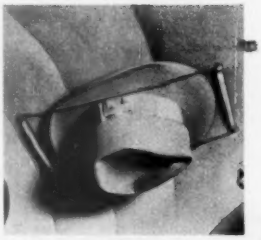


Pan lifter is designed with seven tines which dip under the grill straps of your oven rack and come up under a hot pie or casserole. All-metal holder has sturdy handle and guard to keep pans from sliding back onto the hand. Also serves as a cooling rack. *Hot Pan Caddy*, 59c, in stores, LaFond Industries, Inc., 2904 Third Ave., South, Minneapolis 8, Minn.



Hatrack pins into the upholstery on car roof to hold man's or lady's hat. Can be stretched to take a hatbag with several hats. Easily adjusted and moved around on car roof. Can also hold papers, maps, or a box of cleansing tissue. *Auto Hatrack*, 69c, in stores. Auto Hatrack Co., 829 Fifteenth St., Denver, Colo.

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Christmas all through the house

Home is the happiest place on earth at Christmas. This year, as never before, make your home a tribute to Christmas. Fill it with friendliness and good cheer—the fun of tree-trimming and carol-singing, the joy of gift-giving, a spirit of good will.

You don't have to go to a lot of expense to make your home look like Christmas. You'll see on the following pages what you can do with a piece of greenery, a candle, gala Christmas balls, a bit of imagination.

Let your house say "Merry Christmas!" from the minute you walk in the door.

Above, we've decorated the entrance with red construction-paper pots filled with spruce branches studded with foil stars.

Photograph: Stanley

See next page for more ideas ——→

Christmas all through the house

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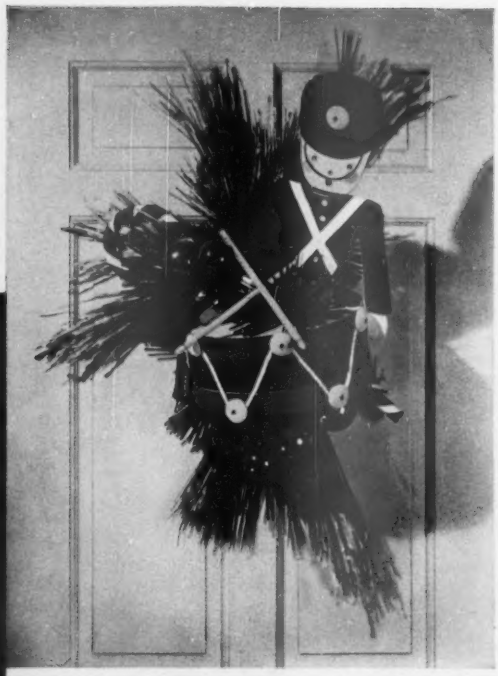


Jaunty toy soldier with drum, a splash of evergreen, a striped cane, and bright-colored balls guard the inside of the door

Van Ness

Giant, green-and-white-striped stocking on the door overflows with a rosette of greenery, a toy drum, candy cane, and shiny balls

Lovely pottery Madonna has a halo of magnolia leaves brushed with blue paint. See page 148.

Stanley

Plump red candle picks up a spark of glamour from the bright green holly, is a simple, charming decoration for the coffee table

Sweetmeat tree is loaded with goodies. For how to make, see page 148

A pageant of Christmas carolers and fresh greens dotted with balls march up the stairs. See how to make crepe-paper carolers, page 148

Festive Christmas cards frame the mirror. Below are twin red spiral candles and a bold holly arrangement

More ideas on next page

Christmas all through the house *continued*

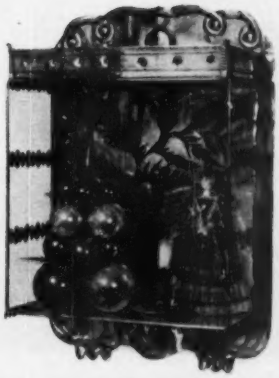
At the holiday buffet, white chintz cloth is swagged with a rope of greens. Napkins are tucked in colorful felt stockings. Red balls polka-dot the white curtains

Santa's sleigh of plastic foam carries Christmas balls and holly. Pine-cone trees are trimmed with tiny balls and silver glitter

Demure felt angel carries a nosegay of shiny balls, hangs on wall above a buffet. You can make it yourself. See page 148

Each windowpane in the breakfast nook gets a paper-doily snowflake with foil star center. Red, green accessories go on table

Evergreen branches hung with gold balls make the background for the punch bowl and the Santa mugs on the dining-room chest



Gala tree of different-sized balls strung on knitting needle, and a foil angel spark up the whatnot shelf

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What kind of memories are you building?

By E. Ardis Whitman

Tomorrow it will be Christmas, and last night by the tree on the green, the carolers sang, "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen." For a minute, under the Christmas lights, the traffic slowed, and there must have been many among the hurrying adults who thought as I did of another kind of Christmas long ago—of truly silent nights when the stars stood calm and high in the planeless heavens; of Christmas Eve when you brought your own tree home from the forest; of sleigh bells ringing merrily in the frosted night.

Christmas was different. When I was little, it did not begin arriving months ahead of time as it does today with the strains of "The First Noel" pouring out of the radio the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas toys on sale in October.

No, it flashed upon you like a deer out of the forest. All in a minute, it was the week before Christmas with snow bright on the eaves and the smell of plum pudding in the kitchen and you practicing for the Christmas concert in the church on starry nights.

Day by day the pile of cakes and cookies grew in the pantry, and in the afternoons you strung popcorn and paper chains for the Christmas tree and surreptitiously finished the mittens you were knitting for your father or the spice rack you were nailing together for Mother. And on Christmas morning, when all the stockings were opened and the presents under the tree unwrapped, you took your brand-new sled outside and rode down Corn Hill and across the pasture field and out on the ice pond with a flourish, like a charioteer reining in his steed.

The whole year, it seemed, was stuffed full of memories like a pudding full of plums. There were the summer afternoons when you filled your pockets from the brown crock on the pantry shelf and climbed to the top of the apple tree to rock with the winds and munch cookies through the limitless hours of the sunny day; there were the first spring mornings with the sap running in the maple trees and the children playing hopscotch on the muddy sidewalk; and there were the golden nights of autumn when the bowl on the center table was filled with russet apples and the fire crackled in the Franklin stove.

Many parents today wonder if life is as much fun for children as it used to be.

"We're all in a hurry at our house," said a friend of mine ruefully, as she watched her small son vanish like a comet down the street. "I wonder how Johnny's going to feel about home when he grows up and looks back at all this rushing around. Did you ever stop to think that perhaps *we are giving our children nothing to remember?*"

The question is frightening, for happy memories of childhood are a great deal more than a sentimental luxury. Happy memories help to make generous and outgoing personalities, and the adult without them is suspended in a stratosphere of loneliness outside the warm circle of love and security.

But before we despairingly agree that this is a bad time to be a child, we ought to ask ourselves—now, in this nostalgic Christmas season—what *makes* a happy memory. *Why* do we remember the homemade sled with the bluebird painted on it and forget the doll in the lace pinafore? *Why* do we remember the day we went fishing in the rain and forget the sunshine of the day before? *What* is the process by which a child selects an hour to hold in his heart forever? If we knew, could we make life memorable for our children—even [*Turn to page 106*

Serene Madonna

Among the family memories for which Ardis Whitman pleads in the article on this page are those built around the observance of Christmas and all that it stands for. No other day can mean so much nor yield so many memories as the Birthday of the Prince of Peace.

This Christmas of 1950, family memories and family togetherness are more significant than ever because over them hovers a threat of world struggle, an exact reversal of the Christmas ideal. This Christmas the need for a spiritual preparedness, as well as a material one, was never more apparent, whatever one's religious creed may be.

Thus, *Better Homes & Gardens* presents the Raphael Madonna at right with the sincere Christmas wish that it find you and your family refreshed in hope and courage for the year ahead.

THE SMALL COWPER MADONNA by Raphael

National Gallery of Art, Washington, D. C. (Widener Collection)

NEW TOYS

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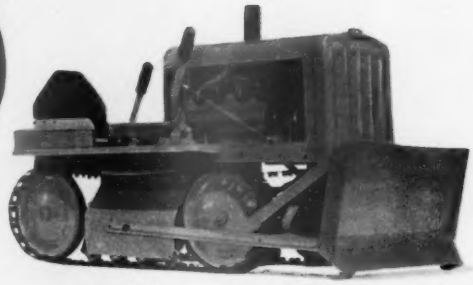


1. Boy-sized Caterpillar diesel tractor works just like the big ones. Pedal-powered, almost 3½ feet long, with authentic "Cat" attachments

2. "Pop!" Jolly Clown springs the lid on his music box as it plays "Pop! Goes the Weasel"

3. Squeezable Froggy croaks a Bronx cheer

4. Toddler's push-pull toy engine and caboose

5. Gears, levers, cams, ratchets, set up on perforated board, work like moving parts of machines

6. Aerial ladder cranks up to 4-foot height from realistic, scale-model, 3-foot fire truck

7. This foot-long workbench has wooden screws, screwdriver, vise, nails, hammer that really work

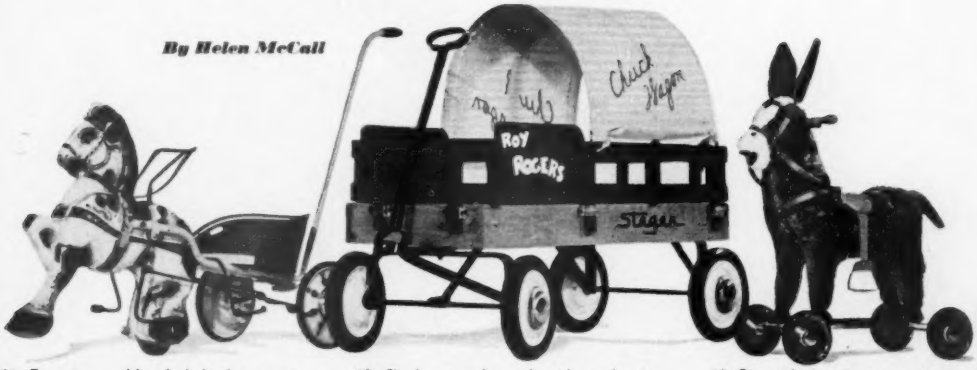
8. Throaty steamboat whistle on pull cord pipes along realistic model of old-time river boat

9. Rocket screams across floor, throws harmless sparks; paper cap goes off when it hits target

10. Play real music on midget plastic concertina

picks 1950's tops in toys

By Helen McCall



11. Even 1-year-olds ride behind a prancing steed in bucket seat when taken out for a stroll. Converts to pedal vehicle as child grows older

12. Chuck wagon has stake sides and spring-steel loops supporting canvas top which can be easily removed for use as regular coaster wagon

13. Saucy donkey for tots up to 4 travels on sturdy wheels that turn in either direction when youngster steers from astride donkey's back

20. Popcorn machine, just like you see in the movies, really pops corn. Electric, with sealed heating unit in aluminum cooker. Red-plastic top lights up when it's plugged in and the party's on

14. Miniature modern stove really cooks and bakes. With utensils and cook book

15. Doll sheds big tears (after being fed), wails, burps, wets, blows bubbles, sleeps

16. Strawberry Roan is slap-happy horse with strawberry nose and patch on rump

17. Pull handle on pint-size model soda fountain dispenser to fill tiny glasses

18. Regalia for cowboys: Authentic Western hat, ornamented hip-hugger holsters

19. Real little typewriter writes with standard keyboard, ribbon, and shift keys

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Your house plants on parade

You'll like these new ways of getting more enjoyment from your potted plants. You can do it without blocking off windows

By Fleeta Brownell Woodroffe

Mobile units are the answer if your window space is too limited for growing all the house plants you'd like. They're the solution if your sunny windows are too few. To make your window garden portable is a wonderful way of managing fresh arrangements of flowering plants from week to week through the winter.

Casters under the base make it possible to handle the decorative, big philodendrons, fiddle-leaf rubber plants, and fishtail palms without calling in help. Wheels on a plant stand let you swing the "faces" of your plant shelves around for special company, when the windows are to be washed, and nights frost gathers on the glass.

A teacart with glass shelves lets you sun your plants at will, even follow the sun about, and without shutting the family away from windows the rest of the time. Sharing dripproof shelves are cyclamens, left; Christmas Begonia, top center; azalea, in rear; hyacinths; and African-violets

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing; Morley Beer

You get something really decorative when you collect odd plants on a big tray. Tray saves handling and watermarks. The whole group is easily lifted into the sunlight they need for a few hours daily, then back to table or desk top where colors show up brightly under lamplight. Shown here are graceful orange kalanchoe, hyacinths brought into bloom indoors, and blue and pink African-violets

Casters make it easy to handle large plants like this Cutleaf Philodendron. Plastic casters like these can't rust, and roll over thick carpets. Plastic bowl takes place of regular pot saucer

Solid-looking, homey, and neat as a freshly cut lawn—these were the three main objectives behind the exterior design of this house

Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home

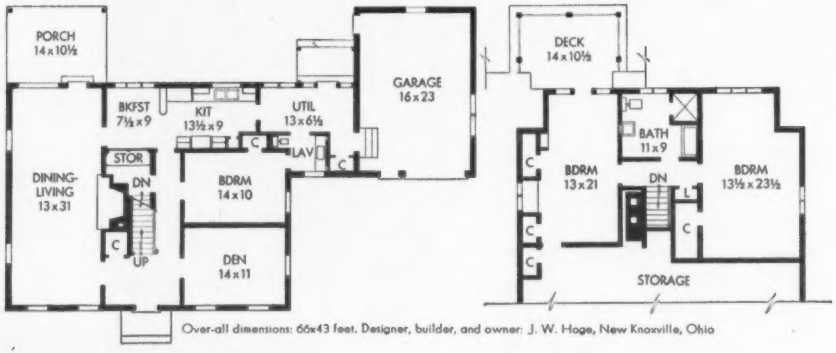
No. 2012 isn't old hat. Instead it's a

1950 Cape Cod

Living room is arranged around fireplace. While fireplace wall carries out Colonial feeling of the house, moldings are simpler and not the dust-catchers of 20 years ago

Photographs: Suter, Hedrich-Blessing

Rear reveals all that the unbroken roof on the front conceals—screened porch open on three sides, sunning deck above, broad dormer that lights and airs upstairs bedrooms



Over-all dimensions: 66x43 feet. Designer, builder, and owner: J. W. Hoge, New Knoxville, Ohio

By John Normile, A. I. A.
Building Editor

No matter what the present public taste, the story-and-a-half traditional house will always be popular. And rightly so. It is more economical to build than a one-story house, you can get more floor space on a small lot, and you get the benefit of better air and more privacy in upstairs bedrooms.

But don't confuse the story-and-a-half traditional house of 1930 with the same style of house today. There's a big difference.

Better Homes & Gardens Five Star Home No. 2012 points up this difference. It has a flexibility our informal living demands.

You have a choice of three places to eat—in the kitchen, in the living room, or on the porch.

You have three places to sit and relax—in the living room when just the family is there, in the den when the children are entertaining, or in your own large upstairs bedroom at any time. The den can also serve as a guest room in a pinch.

You have one other downstairs bedroom that is ideal for sewing, for sick children, for a maid, or for you when you find that stairs aren't as easy to climb as they used to be.

Where else does Five Star No. 2012 differ from other houses that "look just like it?" It has an oversized garage, big enough to hold bikes, garden tools, lawn furniture, and the biggest car made. It has an upstairs laundry room, tucked between kitchen, garage, and drying yard. It has a lavatory off the utility room that serves the kitchen, one bedroom, and is close to the rear yard. It has only a partial basement under the kitchen, downstairs bedroom, and den, with one window on the street side and two on the rear.

Details—the little things inside and out that make a good house—require little upkeep. Unlike the intricate moldings of a generation ago, the trim of Five Star No. 2012 is straight and smooth; and when the time comes for new paint, you can do the job in no time. [*Turn to page 128*

See how to get plans, page 130

You can buy complete plans for any Better Homes & Gardens 5 STAR home

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing, George de Gennaro, and William F. Howland

Put your bedroom to better use!

By Nora Sullivan

It's a place for letter-writing

Drawings: Harry Richardson

One desk, one easy chair, one lamp for both: they can turn one wall of your bedroom into a study

By night, it's your bedroom. But by day it can be a sewing room, a study, a sitting room to call your own. Yes, even a 10x10-foot bedroom can be made more livable! The secret is to plan ahead.

1. Furniture arrangement is most important. First step is to arrange the beds and chests you need for most usefulness in the least space.

2. Then list the extras you'd like: a desk for letters, a cabinet for sewing, an easy chair for reading. You may have the furniture you need and be able to slipcover your bed as a sofa or remodel an old chest as a sewing cabinet. If not, check new desks, chairs, and tables that fit in tight quarters.

3. Color schemes rate high, too, if you plan to spend long hours in your bedroom. You'll want your favorites, but use clear, rich shades that will give your bedroom a well-dressed look.

Your bedroom can be a wonderful place to relax and enjoy the luxury of privacy. Here are suggestions.

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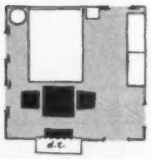
Cocoa, gray, and gold are the kind of rich colors you'll use to bring sitting-room smartness to your bedroom. Decorated by Bullock's, Los Angeles

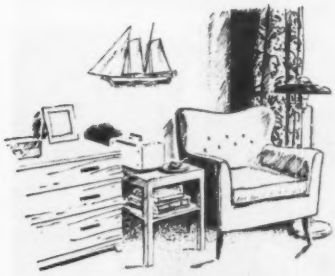
It's a place for breakfast

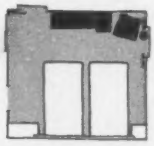


Bring in any card table, set it up at the foot of your bed—and the scene is set for Sunday breakfasts or an evening canasta game

Would you like to talk over your own home decorating problems? You can get the help you need with your color-scheming and room arrangement at one of the Home Planning Centers operated in cooperation with Better Homes & Gardens. You'll find the Centers listed on page 130.

Man-sized desk with built-in shelves plus a pair of chairs and a wide easy chair outfit this bedroom as den for two. Paul MacAlister, decorator





It's a place for reading

All you need is an armchair, end table, and lamp to make a comfortable corner

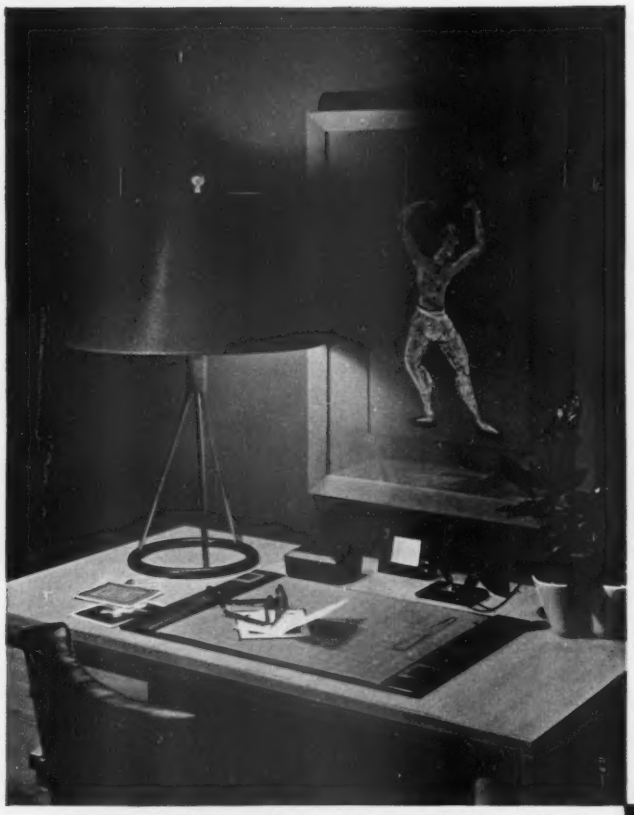
Your bedroom will be an upstairs sitting room by day if you dress the beds as couches, bolster them with pillows. Decoration by Dorothy Draper

For Dad, Mother, Grandmother, the children—

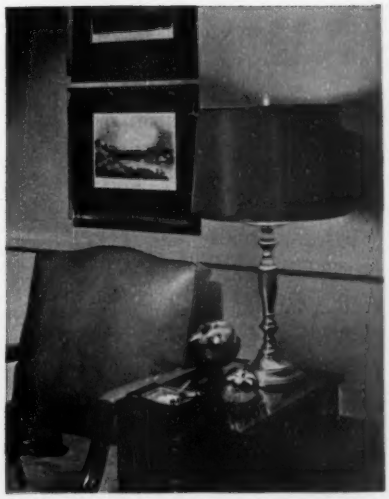
Lamps make Christmas brighter

Any family will be proud to own a modern lamp like this. The glazed gray base flecked with white sets off yellow shade. It's tall; two can read by it when you stand it on a table between halves of a sectional sofa. About $14

Dad will claim this Traditional silver floor lamp for his very own when he discovers that its light is as good as its looks. And it has a surprise feature. You don't have to get up from your easy chair to turn on the lamp. Just grasp the shaft and raise it slightly—presto, the lamp is lit! Pull down on the shaft, and the light goes off. Lamp costs about $32



Teen-agers will find homework's easier with a good desk light. Yet this lamp is handsome enough to stand on any desk in your home. You can be sure its diffusing bowl will give clear, glareless light. That modern brass and black base is designed so the lamp won't tip over easily. Price tag? About $21.50



Grandmother will enjoy knitting by a lamp like this. Simple lines and brass finish insure its welcome in any Early American or Traditional room. The red shade is a good color accent for the living room. Lamp is about $15

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By Gerry Gruen

Gifts your family can enjoy year round are the best gifts of all. So why not add lamps to your Christmas shopping list?

Maybe Dad would appreciate a better reading lamp. Grandmother might want a new lamp for sewing. Your children may need desk lamps. Or perhaps you'd like to treat yourself to dresser lamps.

You'll want lamps that fit in with the kind of furniture you own, that blend with your color scheme. Today's lamps come in so many styles and sizes—you're certain to find one to suit you and your pocketbook.

A small lamp—or an old-fashioned lamp—may be cute. But it isn't much to see by. Shop for good lighting as well as good looks. Be sure all lamps have a diffusing bowl, a three-way bulb, or an indirect bulb, so you'll get the kind of light you need.

Here are five smart lamps to choose from. They promise you high style at low cost. Any one of them might be the perfect way to say Merry Christmas to your family!

Mother will feel like a queen when she has a pair of smart pin-up lamps to brighten her dresser mirror. Leather bases are scored and studded with brass nails. Perfect with this maple and toile wallpaper setting, the lamps can be used in various ways. About $7.95 each

Porch off dining area is screened on two sides, brick on two. Exposed roof sheathing doubles as porch ceiling. Cart (left) is part of kitchen equipment (see page 117)

Living-dining area is a rectangular room 28 feet long. Except for the French doors that open onto the covered terrace, all glass is fixed. Remainder of the rear living-room wall is brick. Light from cove (upper left) reflects off unpainted fir ceiling. Another recessed fixture lights dining table

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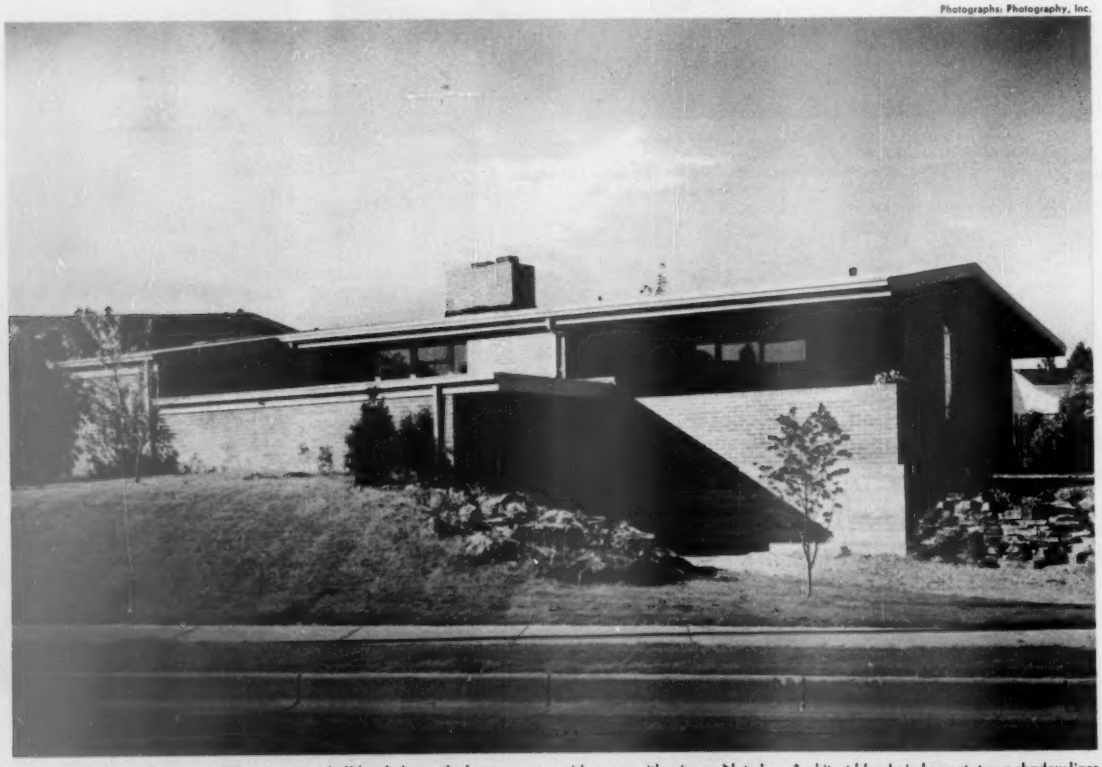
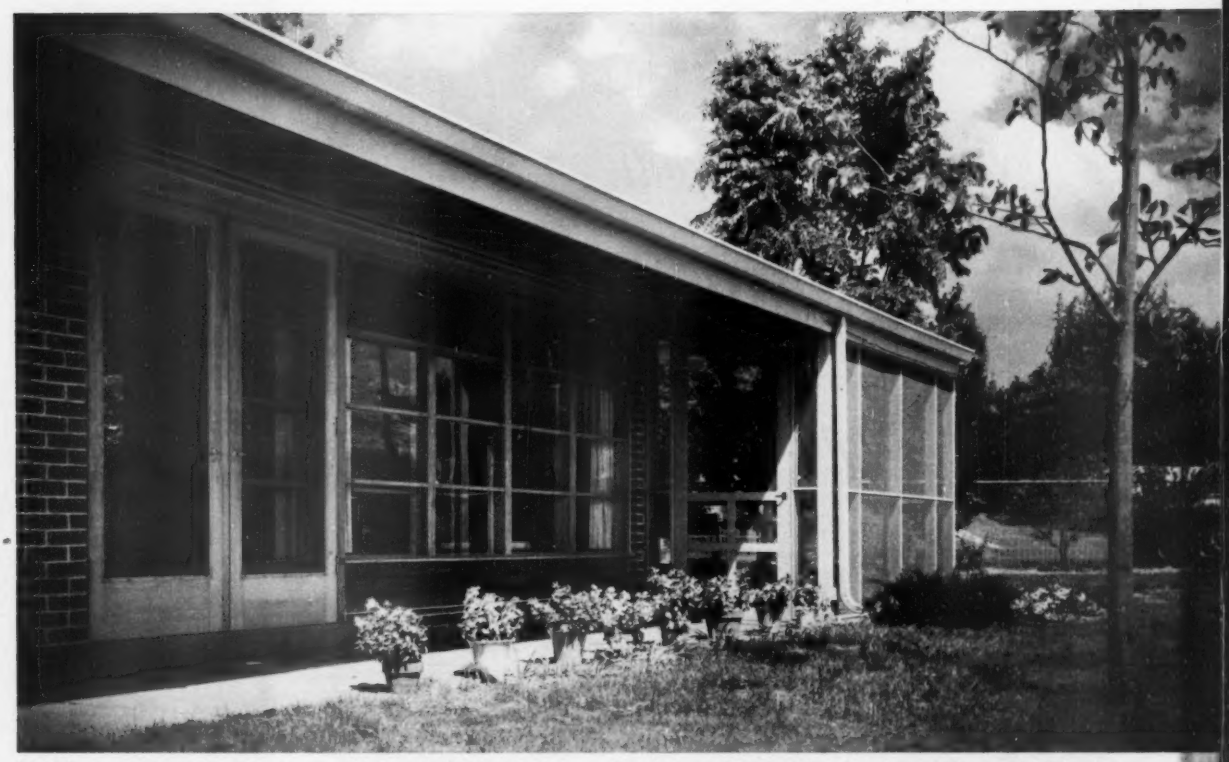


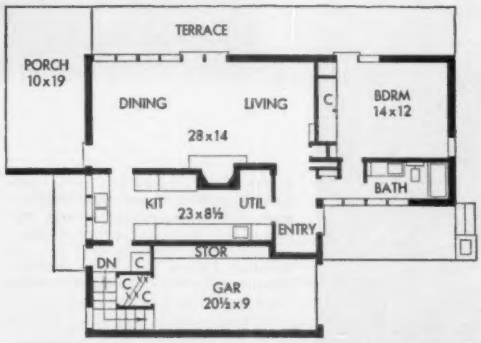
With garage at street level and all living space a half-level above, the house seems to burrow into its hillside lot. Garage and planted entrance wall provide all street-side rooms with privacy. Note how Architect Hornbein has put strong shadow lines to excellent use in giving front of the house a dramatic feeling of movement and life



Unlike the street side, rear of the house is open and the lot is level. Undersides of rafters are exposed for economy, but a long fascia covers rafter ends for appearance. Though you might think the broad overhang would cut much light out of living room, good light is reflected in by the concrete terrace in the foreground

Achievement in simplicity

By Janet McHendrie



Owner Olive Hensley worked closely with Denver Architect Victor Hombein in planning her home and its ideas, some of them shown here

This is a good house. It's a good house because it's honest and simple in design. There's not a meaningless line, not a useless square foot of space, not the slightest attempt at decoration—building materials are used *au naturel.* Walls are brick inside and out; interior partitions, ceilings, and built-ins are fir plywood. It's as simple as that.

What makes this house outstanding is the smart adaptation of storage space to the items to be stored. There is no space wasted in this house, and no effort wasted living here.

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You can make your

Dream kitchen

come true

By James M. Liston

Service desk is tucked into corner under bookshelves that are handy for holding cook books, pewter, and decorative china. Wall next to desk has a gay pattern of plastic, stainproof wallpaper reminiscent of an old-fashioned kitchen. The Fagens added a beamed ceiling that subtly suggests coziness

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Even a small kitchen can capture much of the charm you find here: the cheerful color scheme that picks up the counter tops and interior of the cabinets; the padded window seat; a little pine and brick and copper; a random-width pegged floor. That lighting fixture? It's a brass lamp from an old Pullman car

Sometimes you dream about having a kitchen like this—bright with sunny color, warm with the homey touches of gleaming copper and mellow wood and crisp curtains. And the man of the house gets enthusiastic when the two of you get talking knotty pine and how your kitchen could become something you'd be proud to show your guests. You dream dreams like this, but you put them aside because—well—your kitchen is adequate but very mediocre.

Before it was remodeled, this kitchen in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Fagen, Des Moines, was as ordinary as they come. The Fagens made a few structural changes, but it's the decorating that makes this kitchen what it is. Dream kitchens like this can come true. You'll find ideas here you can use. The color scheme alone might make a world of difference in your kitchen.

Give yourself a power workshop

Multipurpose tools are versatile

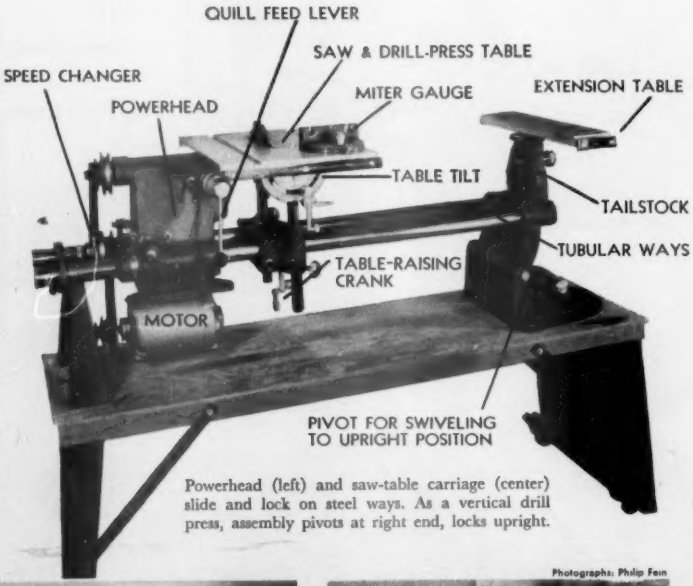
Versatility is a desirable feature in any power tool for the home handyman. As you get more work out of one machine, you need fewer machines, fewer motors, less floor space.

One good answer is provided by the multipurpose power tools. They go as far as possible in combining basic woodworking operations in a single tool with a single motor. They saw, they sand, they drill, and they turn, while you spend minimum effort and time in changing operations.

With accessories, you can increase this basic versatility until there is almost nothing the multipurpose machine can't do.

As a drill press, you can adapt it for mortising, dovetailing, routing, surface planing, polishing, shaping. In saw position, attachments will fit it for dadoing, cutting metal or stone, rabbeting, grooving, tenoning, tapering. Sanding drums and discs turn it into a surfacing and edge-dressing machine. A grinding wheel will sharpen tools or clean up rough metal surfaces. Other attachments make it a jointer, a shaper, or even a powerful jig saw.

One multipurpose power tool sells for around $200 with basic accessories. Smaller machines, with less-powerful motors, sell for well under $100.



Powerhead (left) and saw-table carriage (center) slide and lock on steel ways. As a vertical drill press, assembly pivots at right end, locks upright.

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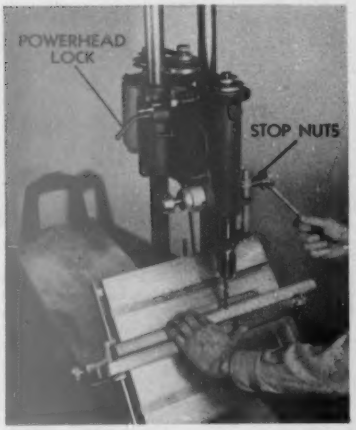
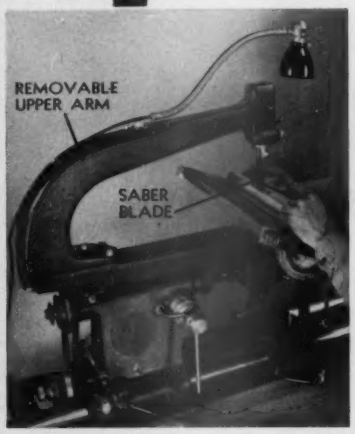


Vertical drilling. Lock powerhead tight before tilting machine upright. Here, tilted saw table and rip fence make a V to hold cylindrical stock for drilling. To prevent drilling into table, adjust stop nuts to halt drill in time.



Jig saw. You fasten jig-saw attachment to the powerhead, with insert in saw table. Here, a stiff saber blade, attached only to the bottom chuck, is used. With it you can make inside cutouts or remove arm for work on large sheets.

Jointer. To convert machine into a jointer, to put a perfect finished or gluing edge on a board, fasten cutterhead with knives to powerhead spindle. Adjustable fence clamps on table.

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Let *Soup* give you more Christmas-*Time*

ANNE MARSHALL
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BY *Anne Marshall*

So much to do; so little time to do it—with Christmas 'round the corner! There's all that shopping to do—and the house to clean and a fruit cake to bake and the youngsters' clothes to freshen and Christmas cards to address and the silver to clean and—*meals to get!*

Yes, meals to get, and that's where maybe I can help—with some practical ideas. Soup can be your salvation, truly. It's so nourishing and so appealing to winter-sharp appetites. It's quick on the table, too, and very easy on the budget.

Biggest Soup-eating Month

Many of you already know how good hot soup helps "save the day" during December. That's why you've made December the biggest soup-eating month of the year. Here on this page are three fine soups to build meals around these Christmas-rushed days. You'll find suggestions, too, for what to serve with each one, to round out a lunch or a supper. So—Merry Christmas!

GREEN PEA is a grand choice. The tempting taste of green peas—in a soup enriched with butter.

Lunches or Suppers built around Green Pea Soup

Tuna Fish Sandwich	Hot Apple Pie, Cheese
Puffy Omelet, Ginger Cakes	Codfish Cakes and Spinach
Chicken Salad, Bran Muffins	Scrambled Eggs, Hot Biscuits

VEGETABLE is a favorite with both Dad and the children—lots of bright garden vegetables in a homey beef stock.

Lunches or Suppers built around Vegetable Soup

Pork and Beans, Green Salad	Cold Roast, Lettuce Wedges
Salmon Salad Sandwich	Hot Coffee Cake, Grapefruit
Waldorf Salad, Cheese Toast	Baked Corned Beef Hash

TOMATO is "the soup most folks like best"—luscious tomatoes blended with fine butter to velvet smoothness.

Lunches or Suppers built around Tomato Soup

Ham-Biscuits, Pear Salad	Cheese Soufflé, Relish Tray
Hot Potato Salad, Apricots	Sausage Cakes, Apple Rings
Sardine Sandwich, Cole Slaw	Nut Waffles and Jam

For your Christmas dinner

By Myrna Johnston

Look your merriest on this, the biggest, happiest day of the year.

Everybody to his place. Dad's about to carve the noble bird. All eyes this way, please. The gleaming carving knife . . . the turkey falls in tender, even slices.

Each one gets a ruddy apple stuffed with golden sweet potato, a helping of broccoli, whole-kernel corn, *wonderful* stuffing. Then a ladle brimful of hot brown gravy, some cool, tart salad. There are chilly olives and crunchy celery curls, holly-sprigged cranberry jell, rolls fresh from the oven.

Take your time. Savor each bite, talk about your presents . . . and what good cooks the women in your family are.

Then clear the table, pour the piping coffee. Each one helps himself to dessert, an Eggnog Pie from Santa's Lazy Susan. More talk . . . more coffee. . . .

It isn't just the jolly Santa, the snowball trees, the shiny holly, [*Turn to page 101*

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When holiday company comes . . .

By Frances O'Connor

. . . for a tree trimming

Santa Mugs of Hot Tomato Bouillon
Crisp Crackers Bread Sticks
Olives, Pickles, Crunchy Celery
Tiny Finger Rolls Filled With Ham Spread
Open Cheese Sandwiches
Circles of Cheese and Luncheon Meat

Heat 2 cans condensed tomato soup and 1 can bouillon; add water. Serve piping hot in mugs; drop in a parsley sprig. Make finger rolls with roll mix. Split and fill with mixture of deviled ham and mayonnaise. Open Cheese Sandwiches: Cut bread in rectangles; spread with nippy cheese and top with halves of stuffed olives. Cut tiny circles of cheese and luncheon meat. Alternate on cocktail picks; stick them in a grapefruit.

(This party is shown in photograph, upper left)

. . . on Christmas afternoon

Fruit Punch
Almond Crescents*
Tiny Sugared Doughnuts*
Salted Walnut Halves
Kris Kringles*

To make the refreshing punch, blend orange and pineapple juice. Float a block of ice in the bowl, with a gay branch of holly aboard. Then slice in some orange—*thin* slices. The sugary doughnuts disappear in two bites and will be the conversation piece of the party. They're tiny, so cut them with a small biscuit cutter; use a thimble to cut holes. Cookies are decorated with "red hots," candied cherries, nuts, and colored sugar.

(This party is shown in photograph, lower right)

. . . on Christmas Eve

Super Oyster Stew
Crisp Crackers
Celery, Olives, Carrot Sticks
Toasted Cheese Rounds
Slices of Fruitcake or
Banbury Tarts*
Coffee—Mixed Nuts

This is a perfect recipe for oyster stew, so don't miss trying it. Serve the crisp relishes on a bowl of chipped ice. Toasted Cheese Rounds: Cut rounds of bread with biscuit cutter; toast on one side; spread untoasted side with mixture of 1 package cream cheese, 1 egg yolk, and a dash of sage and a few grains of salt. Broil till puffy. For dessert, slice your fruitcake or make the delicious Banbury Tarts and serve them hot.

. . . to your open house

Chilled Cranberry Juice
Tiny Cream Puffs Filled With Chicken or
Turkey Salad*
Cheese Tray Assorted Crackers
Grapes Apples Pears
Stuffed Dates, Candies, Nuts
Hot Coffee

The cranberry juice is pleasantly tart after all the sweets of holiday week. Get most of the food ready in the morning. You can have everything done except filling cream puff shells, arranging the cheese tray and nibbling-tray for dessert, making the coffee. Use the food gifts you've received during the holidays—cheese, fruits, candies, and nuts. The filling for the cream puffs uses some of the Christmas turkey in a delicious salad mix.

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You can entertain by

Late evening snack. Cheese sandwiches come crusty, golden brown off grill. You can set grill heat from low to high. Automatic percolator brews coffee, keeps it hot till you're ready to serve

Unexpected guests. You're sure to have them during the holidays. Why not bring out a plate of fresh doughnuts? They're easy to make in an electric deep-fat fryer. You can set temperature between 250 and 450 degrees. It holds 4 pounds shortening

Christmas dinner. Let the roaster take over part of the job on the big day. Take out the rack and pans and put in your turkey. Automatic clock will turn the roaster on and off; you can forget about it. Or bake holiday pies and cookies in your roaster

After the skating party. Thick, juicy hamburgers are sure to match the outdoor appetites. One of the gang can take charge of grilling hamburgers on the electric griddle. Shield below griddle protects table top. Buns get toasty-warm in the electric warmer

Photographs: Bowman

Supper around the tree. The waffle baker does the work. Its light tells you when to pour batter and when waffle's done. Ladle holds enough batter for one waffle. Creamed chicken heats in copper, electric food-warmer. Pitcher holds hot syrup

Open house. No need to worry about the food when the guests come. Chromium urn perks 24 cups of coffee. Its faucet will not drip. Mince tarts stay warm on electric tray with radiant-heat glass plate

push button

By Doris Adams

The whirl of Christmas festivities is a time when minutes really count. Open house, holiday parties, last-minute shopping, gift wrapping—all add up to days crammed with activity.

So whether you're planning a party or not, why not let push-button appliances do some of your cooking for you during the rush? They'll short-cut the time you spend in the kitchen, free you to be with your family and guests. And you can relax and have a good time without a worry about the food.

Here are appliances that take over when it's time to eat. Coffee makers that do all the work after you put in the coffee and water, even to keeping the coffee steaming. Trays, casseroles, and electric food-warmers that serve hot foods hot. Grills, griddles, popcorn poppers for cooking at the table. Roaster that turns on and off by the clock. Automatic egg-cooker and toaster that speed breakfast along, a liquidizer for refreshing holiday punch.

See how these can fit into your plans—from breakfast through evening refreshments.

Christmas breakfast. No rush here. Eggs steam soft, medium, or hard in automatic cooker. Bread toasts to the brown you like. You can operate toaster controls from either end. Automatic vacuum coffee maker brews 8 cups of coffee

Tree-trimming party. Three-speed liquidizer whips up pineapple punch to go with hot, buttered popcorn. Popper pops the corn to puffy white kernels without stirring, can double as food warmer

After caroling. Let the gang warm up over chili con carne and hot cider. Electric bean pot finishes cooking chili while the crowd serenades. Candle warmer under coffee maker keeps cider steaming

For a perfect beef rib roast

No. 1 on the favorite-meat list is roast beef. And when you have a beautiful roast like the one below, it's an occasion. There's a best way to roast a standing rib roast—to keep it tender and juicy, make the most slices. For directions and garnishing ideas, see page 98.

By Ida Ruth Miller

How to carve standing rib roast

Cut surface is up. Rib side is to left. Insert fork between two top ribs. Knife is sharp. Begin at outside edge; cut across to rib.

To loosen slice, cut along the bone with the tip of the carving knife.

Steady slice with knife and fork. Place to one side of platter or on hot plate. Slice is about 3/8 inch thick.

Pass your plate for a slice of tender, juicy rib roast

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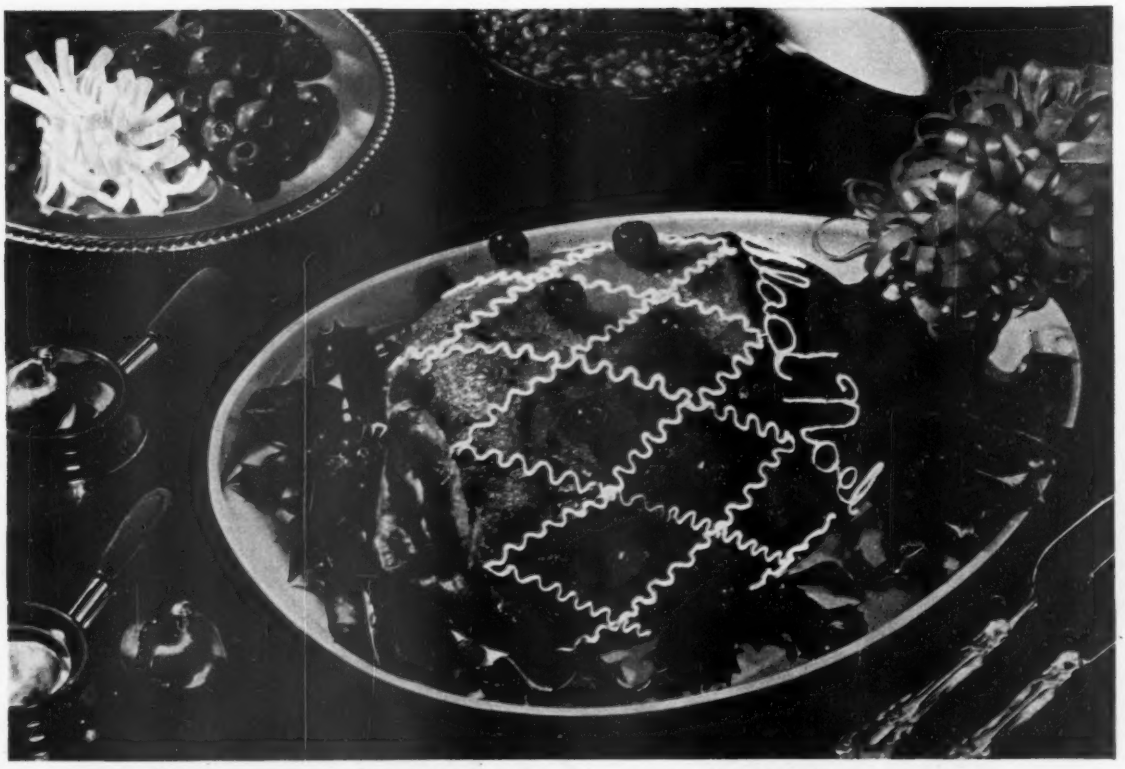


Write a Glad Noel on your big, beautiful Christmas ham; trim it with holly

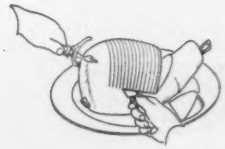
For a perfect baked ham

Favorite for the buffet: baked ham. Bake it carefully, trim it lovingly, add a gay platter garnish—you'll be proud of your table as the guests step up to help themselves. If you aren't sure of the slickest, neatest way to carve, check the sketches at right. Baking and garnishing directions are on page 98.

How to carve a whole ham

Shank end is at carver's right. This is a left ham, so cut a few slices from side nearest you. For right ham, take slices from farthest side.

Turn ham so it rests on cut surface. Hold ham with fork; cut a small wedge from shank end.



Cut thin slices down to leg bone. Release by slicing next to bone.

If you need more servings, turn ham back to position shown in first sketch. Cut slices at right angles to bone.

Appetizers and desserts

By Tasting-Test Kitchen staff

Chilled holiday fruits

Keep the luscious pieces of pineapple, pear, persimmon, and peach—and rounds of avocado—cold over a bed of crushed ice. For a cheery Christmas trim, a wreath of bright green holly around each dish.

Red and green star soup

The Christmas soup in Christmas colors! Looks complicated, but it's easy to fix. The trick is to use a flat-bottomed soup plate. Hold star cooky cutter firmly in center of plate. Pour hot asparagus soup in center, tomato soup around it. Lift out the cutter, and you have the Christmas star. Serve relishes and crisp crackers.

Festive sea-food cocktail

A spoonful of spicy red sauce, a sprig of green parsley go above generous chunks of tuna. Curl pink-tinged shrimp over the edge. Pass flaky Cheese Straws for nibbling.

Photographs: Kuoni

for festive holiday meals

One new trick or recipe will add a little extra flourish to your already-wonderful Christmas dinner. Why not a new appetizer or simple-but-fancy dessert—like one of these?

Coconut snowball

A lighted candle, a gold-foil star go on top. For snowballs, place scoops of cherry ice cream on cake rounds. Roll in flavored whipped cream, then green-tinted coconut. To tint coconut, put several drops green food coloring in pint jar. Add 1 tablespoon water, ¾ cup coconut. Cover and shake. Keep snowballs in refrigerator freezing compartment till serving time. Pass nuts, mints.

Pink cranberry sherbet

Here's a refreshing way to end the big holiday meal. Sherbet's festive if you top each scoop with a gala Christmas-tree favor. To go alongside are crisp Christmas-tree sugar cookies decorated with small red cinnamon-candy "balls." The green glass plate and sherbet dish add more holiday color.

Christmas pudding

Each traditional, fruit-dotted pudding gets a crown of fluffy hard sauce and a big, plump maraschino cherry. Bring this dessert to the table warm. You can make the pudding well in advance, heat it while you're all eating turkey. Use a steamer or double boiler. The holly with its red berries is a quick way to say Merry Christmas from the kitchen.

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Your gelatine desserts and summer meats may win you money and fame in this month's contest. First prize is $10; next 20 prizes are $3 each.

Gelatine desserts are a cool and colorful ending for summer meals. What is your favorite?

Perhaps you make the most of fresh summer fruits in a smooth peach bavarian dotted with the crushed golden fruit. Or a jellied black-cherry dessert with pecan-stuffed cherries and cream-cheese balls molded in cool raspberry-flavored gelatine.

Your favorite may be an airy lemon refrigerator dessert topped with vanilla-wafer crumbs, a luscious chocolate-chip torte topped with shaved chocolate, or a molded orange fluff pudding.

Summer meats may include a variety of warm-weather specials—hamburgers, frankfurters, canned tuna and salmon, cold meats, frozen meats, whatever you put on the meat platter in July.

Your favorite hamburger may be fried, broiled, baked, or barbecued—shaped thick or thin. Perhaps it's a cheeseburger or skillet mix.

Frankfurters may go along with you to picnics, appear in a Coney bun with catsup, mustard, or chili con carne. Or you may dip frankfurters in a special barbecue sauce.

Do you serve cold meats on a Dutch-lunch tray, in a big Dagwood-style sandwich, or in a summer salad bowl? You have a choice of all kinds of cold meats: chopped ham loaf, braunschweiger, salami rolls, pickle-and-pimiento loaf, ham-and-cheese squares, beef-and-pork loaf, boiled ham slices, canned luncheon meat, or corned beef.

And remember, the winners of these 21 prizes will receive the *Better Homes & Gardens* Certificate of Endorsement and *six copies of the endorsed recipe*.

1. Write your recipe clearly on one side of the paper. Send but one recipe at a time and mark it, "July Gelatine Desserts" or "July Summer Meats."
2. Print your full name and address clearly in upper right corner of recipe page.
3. Give measurements in *level* cups, tablespoons, and teaspoons, never in heaping or scant measurements.
4. Be sure to specify in your recipe the brand names of the *nationally* known food products you use as ingredients—products available everywhere. We must know them so we can test your recipe with the same brands you use.
5. Include 50 to 100 words about the history or origin of your recipe.
6. All recipes submitted become the property of *Better Homes & Gardens*.
7. Entries must be postmarked by midnight, December 31.
8. Address the recipes you enter to 5412 Tasting-Test Kitchen, *Better Homes & Gardens*, Des Moines 3, Iowa.

This month's winners

Cook-of-the-Month is Mrs. H. R. Flemming. Her Hot Turkey Salad is perfect for a holiday buffet or luncheon.

For her Snowball Salads, Mrs. John C. McKee stuffs peach halves with cream cheese. Then she fastens two halves together with toothpicks and rolls them in whipped cream and coconut. Mrs. J. N. Collums writes that the women in her block serve her delicate Cranberry Supreme Salad with Sunday dinner.

If you like a not-too-rich salad to go with Christmas dinner, try Mrs. A. J. Lyon's molded beet Salad Star.

Prizewinning mincemeat recipe is Mrs. Marvin O. Pipes' crisp Mincemeat Refrigerator Cookies.

Mrs. Roy C. French starts with packaged mincemeat, adds orange and lemon juice, maraschino cherries, and walnuts for the stuffing in her Mincemeat Cookies.

You can serve Mrs. William Frassinello's Fruity Squares with a spoonful of whipped cream for dessert. Mrs. John Cook likes to keep her Mincemeat Drop Cookies on hand during the holidays.

These recipes are pictured on pages 81 and 82. Winning cooks are listed below.

Honor roll

Mrs. Harold Brady, Albany, N. Y.
Mrs. J. N. Collums, Little Rock, Ark.
Mrs. John Cook, Kansas City, Mo.
Mrs. W. C. Covington, Lake Wales, Fla.
Mrs. H. R. Flemming, Madison, Wis.
Mrs. William Frassinello, Ukiah, Calif.
Mrs. Roy C. French, Kenmore, N.Y.
Mrs. Walter A. Hoffman, Chicago, Ill.
Mrs. Homer James, Monterey, Calif.
Mrs. Michael Josephs, Glenville, W. Va.
Theresa M. Lessmeister, Peru, Ill.
Mrs. A. J. Lyon, Redwood City, Calif.
Mrs. J. R. Mann, Memphis, Tenn.
Mrs. B. A. McDonald, Lake Charles, La.
Mrs. John C. McKee, Fairmont, Minn.
Mrs. Arthur C. Mittendorf, Loveland, Ohio.
Mrs. Usher F. Newlin, Hutchinson, Kans.
Mrs. Marvin O. Pipes, Lakeside, Oreg.
Mrs. Elizabeth Pollard, Morro Bay, Calif.
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Franco-American SPAGHETTI

MINCEMEAT COOKIES

Mincemeat Cookies

An easy, delicious filling for sugar cookies—

1 9-ounce package mincemeat
¼ cup lemon juice
½ cup orange juice
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
2 teaspoons grated orange peel
2 tablespoons sugar
¼ cup chopped maraschino cherries
¼ cup chopped California walnuts

Break mincemeat into pieces; add lemon and orange juice and peel and sugar. Heat and stir until lumps are broken. Simmer 1 minute. Cool; add remaining ingredients. Fill your favorite sugar cookies with 2 teaspoons filling. Bake in moderately hot oven (375°) 15 minutes. Makes about 2½ dozen cookies.

—*Mrs. Roy C. French, Kenmore, New York.*

Mincemeat Drop Cookies

Put them in the cooky jar or pack as Christmas gifts—

¾ cup shortening
1½ cups sugar
3 well-beaten eggs
3 cups enriched flour
¾ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 9-ounce package mincemeat
3 tablespoons water
1 cup broken nuts

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar; add eggs and beat well. Add half of the sifted dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Add finely crumbled mincemeat and water; stir until blended. Add nuts and remaining flour mixture; mix well. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cooky sheet. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 to 15 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies. **Note:** 1 cup canned mincemeat may be used.

—*Mrs. John Cook, Kansas City, Missouri.*

HOLIDAY SALADS

Fruity Squares

Eat like cookies or serve with a spoonful of whipped cream for a quick dessert—

¼ cup butter or fortified margarine
1 cup light brown sugar
1 egg
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ cup mincemeat
1 cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder

Melt butter; add sugar and blend. Add egg and vanilla and mix well. Stir in mincemeat, then sifted dry ingredients; mix well. Spread in greased 8-inch square pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 40 minutes. Cut in squares and roll in confectioners' sugar.

—*Mrs. William Frassinello, Ukiah, California.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Salads

Snowball Salads

The snowball is two golden peach halves with a surprise filling, a snowy jacket—

10 canned peach halves
2 3-ounce packages cream cheese
1 3-ounce can candied fruits and peels
⅓ cup heavy cream, whipped
1¼ cups shredded coconut

Drain peaches and dry halves thoroughly. Mash 1 package cream cheese with fork; add candied fruit and mix well. Fill peach halves with mixture and place two halves together; fasten with toothpicks. Add whipped cream to remaining cream cheese and blend. Roll peaches in this mixture until coated; then roll in coconut. Chill thoroughly. Serve on crisp lettuce. Serves 5.—*Mrs. John C. McKee, Fairmont, Minnesota.*

Cranberry Supreme Salad

Luscious for your Christmas dinner—

- 4 cups fresh cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups red grapes
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Grind cranberries, sprinkle with sugar, and let drain overnight. (Use juice for fruit punch.) Cut grapes in half and remove seeds. Add grapes and walnuts to well-drained cranberry mixture. Fold in whipped cream and mound in lettuce cups to serve. Serves 6.

—*Mrs. J. N. Collums, Little Rock, Arkansas.*

Hot Turkey Salad

Read this and see if it wouldn't be wonderful for your next luncheon—

- 2 cups cubed cooked turkey or chicken
- 2 cups sliced celery
- ½ cup chopped toasted almonds
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons grated onion
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 cup mayonnaise or salad dressing
- ½ cup grated American cheese
- 1 cup crushed potato chips

Combine ingredients except cheese and potato chips. Toss lightly. Pile lightly into individual bakers or custard cups. Sprinkle with grated cheese and potato chips. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes. Serves 5 to 6.

—*Mrs. H. R. Flemming, Madison, Wisconsin.*

Salad Star

A salad in Christmas red and green—

- 1 No. 2 can julienne-style beets
- 2 3-ounce packages lemon-flavored gelatine
- 1½ tablespoons vinegar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1½ tablespoons grated onion
- ¼ cup sliced stuffed olives
- 2 tablespoons horseradish
- 1½ cups chopped celery

Drain beets; add water to beet juice to make 1½ cups, heat liquid to boiling and dissolve gelatine; add vinegar and salt, chill until partially set. Stir in beets and remaining ingredients, and pour into 1½-quart star mold. Chill until firm. Unmold on crisp lettuce. Serves 8 to 10.

—*Mrs. A. J. Lyon, Redwood City, California.*

Cooks' Round Table of Endorsed Recipes

Cookies

Mincemeat Refrigerator Cookies

Slice these and bake them while the guests are visiting—

- ¾ cup shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
- 1 beaten egg
- 2½ cups enriched flour
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup mincemeat
- ½ cup chopped California walnuts

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add vanilla and lemon peel and egg and mix well. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with mincemeat. Stir in walnuts. Shape in rolls; chill thoroughly. Slice ¼ inch thick. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in moderate oven (375°) about 15 minutes.—*Mrs. Marvin O. Pipes, Lakeside, Oregon.*

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How to make Super Oyster Stew

Perfect oyster stew should be so *hot* you have to let the first spoonful cool a bit. It should be *rich*—golden butter floating over the top. It should be full of plump oysters cooked just right—edges curled, centers tender. It should smell so good, taste so good that folks pass their bowls back for seconds. *That's* perfect oyster stew. The picture recipe is below.

Photographs: Wesley Bowman

1 Combine 2 tablespoons flour, 1½ teaspoons salt, ⅛ teaspoon pepper, and 2 tablespoons water. Blend to a smooth paste. Stir into 1 pint oysters and their liquor. This small amount of flour is one of the secrets of the stew's perfection

2 Simmer oysters over very low heat till edges curl. Then pour into 1 quart scalded milk. Here we pour oysters into bowl of spoon to prevent splashing. Remove pan from heat; cover; let stand 15 minutes. This improves the flavor

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Merrie Companie Cake

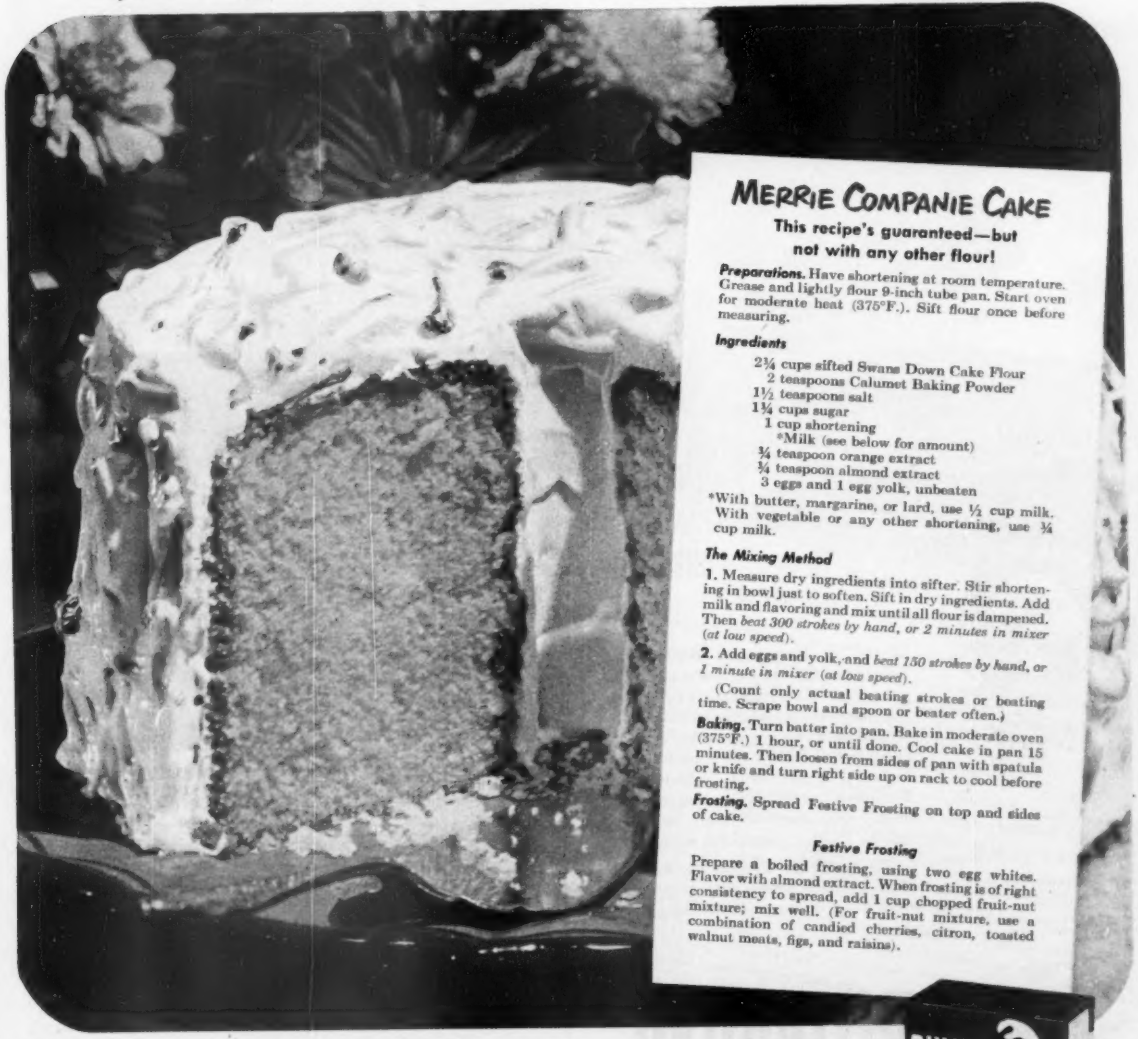
Nothing but Swans Down can make it this gorgeous!

When your own "merrie companie" gathers, you're going to need this cake!

It cuts into so many thin slices—all luscious and filling! And keeps so well—you can have it on hand to glorify simple beverage refreshments for days and days.

Just one tip: be sure to use Swans Down Cake Flour! You can't make this close-textured, pound-type cake with a mix. You can't make it so soft and melting-tender with ordinary flour.

You just can't make it so velvety, Swans Down-wonderful with *any* flour but Swans Down!



MERRIE COMPANIE CAKE

This recipe's guaranteed—but not with any other flour!

Preparations. Have shortening at room temperature. Grease and lightly flour 9-inch tube pan. Start oven for moderate heat (375°F.). Sift flour once before measuring.

Ingredients

2¼ cups sifted Swans Down Cake Flour
2 teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder
1½ teaspoons salt
1¾ cups sugar
1 cup shortening
*Milk (see below for amount)
¾ teaspoon orange extract
¾ teaspoon almond extract
3 eggs and 1 egg yolk, unbeaten

*With butter, margarine, or lard, use ½ cup milk. With vegetable or any other shortening, use ¾ cup milk.

The Mixing Method

1. Measure dry ingredients into sifter. Stir shortening in bowl just to soften. Sift in dry ingredients. Add milk and flavoring and mix until all flour is dampened. Then *beat 300 strokes by hand, or 2 minutes in mixer (at low speed).*

2. Add eggs and yolk, and *beat 150 strokes by hand, or 1 minute in mixer (at low speed).*

(Count only actual beating strokes or beating time. Scrape bowl and spoon or beater often.)

Baking. Turn batter into pan. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 1 hour, or until done. Cool cake in pan 15 minutes. Then loosen from sides of pan with spatula or knife and turn right side up on rack to cool before frosting.

Frosting. Spread Festive Frosting on top and sides of cake.

Festive Frosting

Prepare a boiled frosting, using two egg whites. Flavor with almond extract. When frosting is of right consistency to spread, add 1 cup chopped fruit-nut mixture; mix well. (For fruit-nut mixture, use a combination of candied cherries, citron, toasted walnut meats, figs, and raisins).

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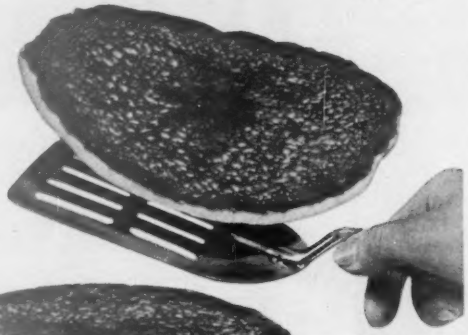

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Pillsbury PANCAKE MIX

Super Oyster Stew

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3 Have soup tureen and soup plates hot—rinse them in hot water. Then add pats of butter or fortified margarine for extra goodness. Use ¼ cup or half a stick. Reheat stew briefly to serving temperature—piping hot

4 Pour the steaming stew into the tureen. Dash with paprika, if you like. Hot, rich with milk and butter, full of plump oysters—it's soup to make a meal. Pass a basket of oyster crackers and a dish of cold, crisp relishes

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I'm going out and sass a cop
Or smash a window! Dearest, think,
Than springing me from out the clink,
How easier to just provide
The fight I'm spoiling for. Beside,
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—*Georgie Starbuck Galbraith*

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To wrap: Place turkey on a long sheet of Reynolds Wrap, more than twice as long as the bird. Fold foil over turkey, join edges firmly. For a large bird, join two long pieces with a tight double fold in center. (Turkey may be wrapped the night before and stored in refrigerator. Before roasting, open foil and bring bird to room temperature, then reseal foil for roasting.)

To roast: Place wrapped turkey on rack in pan, breast side up, in moderately hot oven at 400°F. Allow the following approximate times for stuffed bird. (Stuffed weight is about the same as undrawn weight; or allow 3 lbs. for stuffing.)

10–14 lbs.—18 minutes per pound—3 –4 hours
15–18 lbs.—16 minutes per pound—4 –4½ hours
19–24 lbs.—14 minutes per pound—4½–5 hours

To brown: During last 45 minutes, open and slip foil from around turkey, letting juices run into pan. Brush well with melted fat once or twice during browning. Turkey and juices will brown evenly without burning. Make gravy in your usual way.

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ROLLED BISCUITS *Crusty! Thin!* — **PATTED BISCUITS** *Light! Fluffy!* — **DROPPED BISCUITS** *Crispy! Golden Brown!*

Preheat oven to 475 degrees.

Sift together . . . **2 cups *sifted* GOLD MEDAL Flour**, ***3 tsp. double-action baking powder**, ***1 tsp. salt**

Pour into a measuring cup (*but don't stir*) **⅓ cup Wesson Oil**, **⅔ cup milk**

Then pour all at once into the flour. **Stir** with a fork until mixture cleans sides of bowl and rounds up into a ball. Smooth up by kneading about ten times, without additional flour.

With the dough on waxed paper, press out ¼ inch thick with hands or roll out between waxed papers. Cut with unfloured biscuit cutter. Bake 10 to 12 minutes on ungreased cooky sheet in very hot oven (475 degrees). Makes about 20 biscuits.

For a thicker biscuit, roll dough ½ inch thick.

NOTE: If doubling or tripling recipe, measure oil and milk into bowl, then pour all at once into flour.

**If you use Gold Medal Self-Rising Flour, omit baking powder and salt.*

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SPAM 'N' CRANBERRIES

COMBINE.....1 cup sugar
1 cup water
COOK.....5 min.
ADD.....2 cups Eatmor Cranberries
COOK.....5 min. without stirring. Chill.
SLICE.....(but do not separate)
1 whole SPAM
Place in baking dish with halves of canned sweet potatoes or yams. Sprinkle with brown sugar.
BAKE.....20 to 30 min. in mod. oven (350°). Remove onto serving platter, surround with chilled Eatmor Cranberry Sauce.

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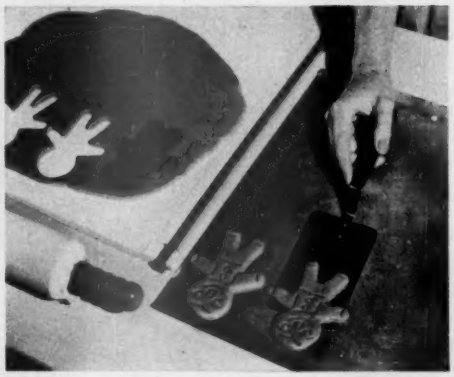
Sandbakelser molds shape Sandbakelser (Sand Tarts), fragile, almond-flavored Swedish cookies. You chill the dough, press it into the molds, bake until delicately browned. Turn them out and eat the crisp cookies just as they are or fill them with creamy, chilled custard

Pastry tube is handy when you get ready to decorate your Christmas cookies. Tube comes with 12 screw-on tips and will do all kinds of fancy tricks. Here we're using it to outline heel, toe, and toys of a cooky stocking. Santas are decorated and wear fine coconut whiskers



Red-plastic cooky cutter is a gingerbread man with a very mischievous grin. You can stir up the cookies from your own recipe or follow the recipe on the package of gingerbread mix. The cutter marks circles for eyes and buttons so you can see where to put the frosting

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Springerle rolling pin makes 16 different designs on the cooky dough. Lines show you where to cut to separate cookies. Patterns on the pin were originated years ago by wood carvers in the Alpine mountains. Cooky-baking's an art, and one you can be very proud of

Good gadgets for cooky bakers

Much of the pre-Christmas fun in the kitchen is with the cooky-baking. Go all out. Make Christmas trees, Santas, stars, bells, gingerbread boys. Make crisp cookies, rich cookies, frosted cookies. Make them for your own cooky jars, for neighbors down the street, for gifts to package and send away, to hang on the tree.

A few gadgets will make your cooky-baking more fun. Just some new cooky cutters will be inspiration. Or a cooky press. Or a Springerle rolling pin. Check these pictures before the baking begins:

Pastry cloth and cover for rolling pin are the secret of success for rolled cookies. The cloth takes up the flour to keep the dough from sticking. You'll use the pastry cloth for pie crust and biscuits, too. This one is on a frame to hold it taut; it hooks over the edge of the work counter, so the cloth won't skid around as you roll the dough. A good flexible spatula is a big help to slide cookies on and off the sheet. Choose baking sheets with low sides or none at all

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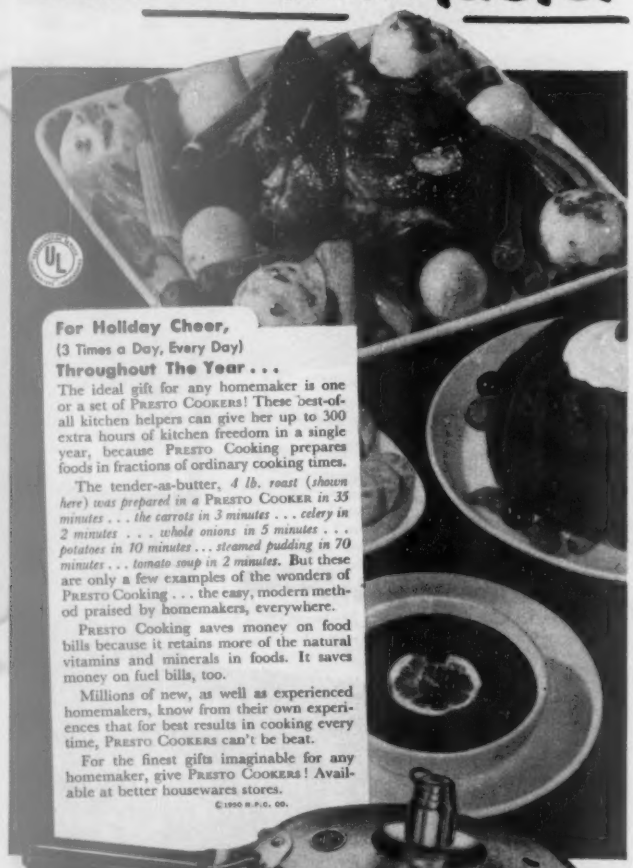

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For cooky bakers

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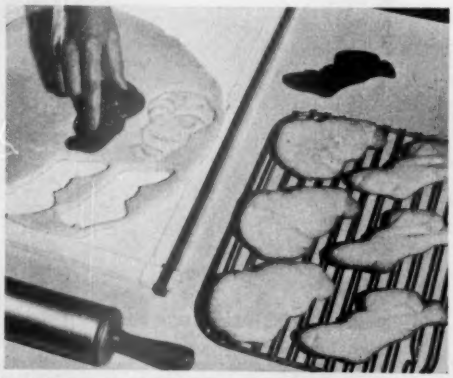
Cooky press can turn out a "forest" of Christmas trees fast as you can turn the knob . . . lift . . . turn the knob . . . lift. Press makes about 80 little cookies with each filling. This set includes 12 plates (see three of them, upper right), three tips for cream puffs, eclairs, and ladyfingers

Red-plastic star and bell stencils emboss round cookies. Set includes eight stencils. (Use them to decorate party sandwiches, too.) You simply press stencil down on dough to get design. Bake cookies; cool. Then paint the raised star, bell, or other design with thin frosting



Red-plastic cooky cutters are in a set of four—Santa, a sockful of toys, Christmas tree, and star. They mark lines for Santa's face, beard, and tassel hat, for drum and horn in the stockings. You can use these lines as your guide for frosting. Use sugar-cooky dough

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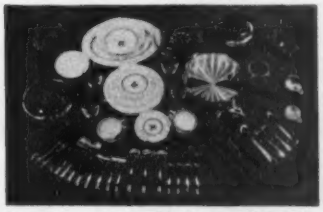

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AUNT JEMIMA
Pancakes
Buckwheats and
Waffles

For cooky bakers

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Springerle Cookies

1 pound confectioners' sugar
4 eggs
3 cups enriched flour
6 drops anise oil

Put sugar and eggs in top of a double boiler and beat with a rotary beater 10 minutes. Remove top of double boiler to table and continue beating until mixture is cool. Add flour gradually and mix. Dough will be very stiff. Add anise oil. Roll dough about ¼ inch thick with regular rolling pin. Then roll once with Springerle rolling pin. Cut into squares where marked and arrange on greased and floured cooky sheets. Set in a dry place 10 hours or overnight. Bake in a moderately hot oven (350°) 15 minutes. Makes about 5 dozen cookies.

Ornamental Frosting

2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
2 cups sifted confectioners' sugar
1 egg white
½ teaspoon vanilla
⅛ teaspoon cream of tartar
½ to 1 teaspoon cream
Few drops food coloring if desired

Cream butter into confectioners' sugar with pastry-blender till mixture looks like corn meal. Then add unbeaten egg white, vanilla, cream of tartar. Beat (the more you beat the better). Add cream. Beat until frosting is of spreading consistency. Frosts about 2½ dozen cookies.

Old-fashioned Sugar Cookies

½ cup shortening
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
½ teaspoon vanilla
½ teaspoon grated orange peel
2 cups enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
2 to 3 tablespoons milk

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar. Add egg and beat well. Add vanilla and grated orange peel. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk; mix thoroughly. Roll ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface. Cut with floured cooky cutter; sprinkle with sugar. Bake in moderate oven (375°) 12 minutes. Makes 1½ dozen large cookies.

Sandbakelser (Sand Tarts)

*½ cup blanched almonds
⅞ cup soft butter (1 cup minus 2 tablespoons)
¾ cup sugar
1 small egg white, unbeaten
2 cups enriched flour

Put almonds through fine knife of food grinder twice. Thoroughly mix in butter, sugar, and unbeaten egg white. Then stir in flour. Chill dough. Press dough *into* Sandbakelser molds (or tiny, fluted tart forms) to coat inside. Place on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in a moderate oven (350°) until very delicately browned, about 12 to 15 minutes. Tap molds on table to loosen cookies and turn them out of the molds. Makes about 3 dozen cookies.

*In place of the almonds, you may use 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 teaspoon almond flavoring.

Swedish Sprits

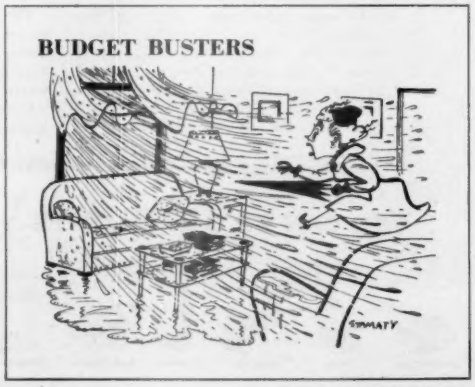
1½ cups butter
1 cup sugar
1 well-beaten egg
2 teaspoons vanilla
4 cups enriched flour
1 teaspoon baking powder

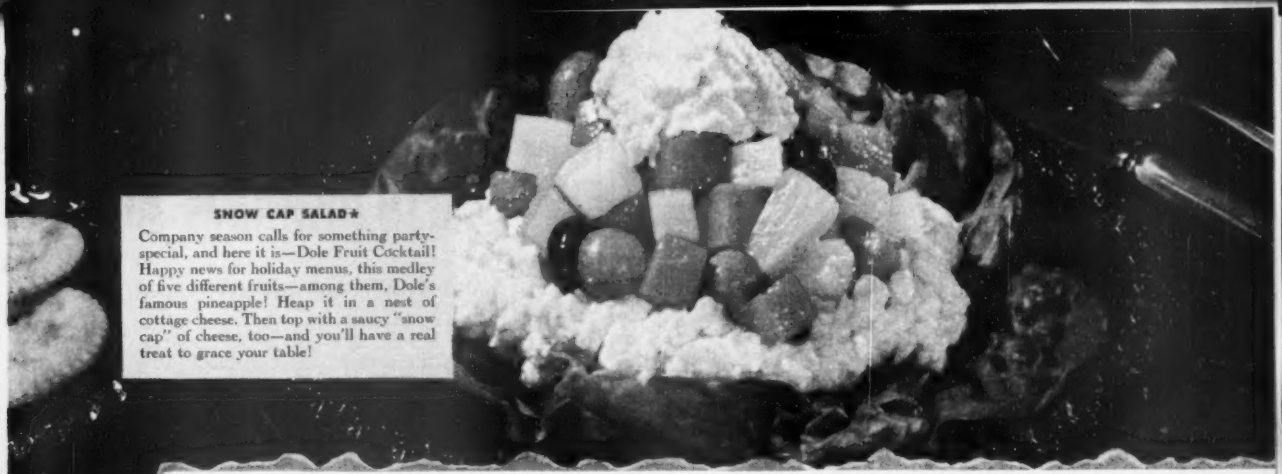
Thoroughly cream butter and sugar; add egg and vanilla. Beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix to smooth dough. Force through cooky press, forming various shapes, or roll; cut out and emboss (see page 90). Bake in hot oven (400°) until light brown, about 8 to 10 minutes. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

Ginger Cookies

½ cup shortening
½ cup sugar
½ cup light molasses
½ tablespoon vinegar
1 beaten egg
3 cups enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger

Bring shortening, sugar, molasses, and vinegar to boiling. Cool and add egg. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix well. Chill. Roll on lightly floured surface. Cut any desired shape. Bake on greased cooky sheet in moderate oven (375°) 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 2½ dozen cookies. Use this recipe for gingerbread men.

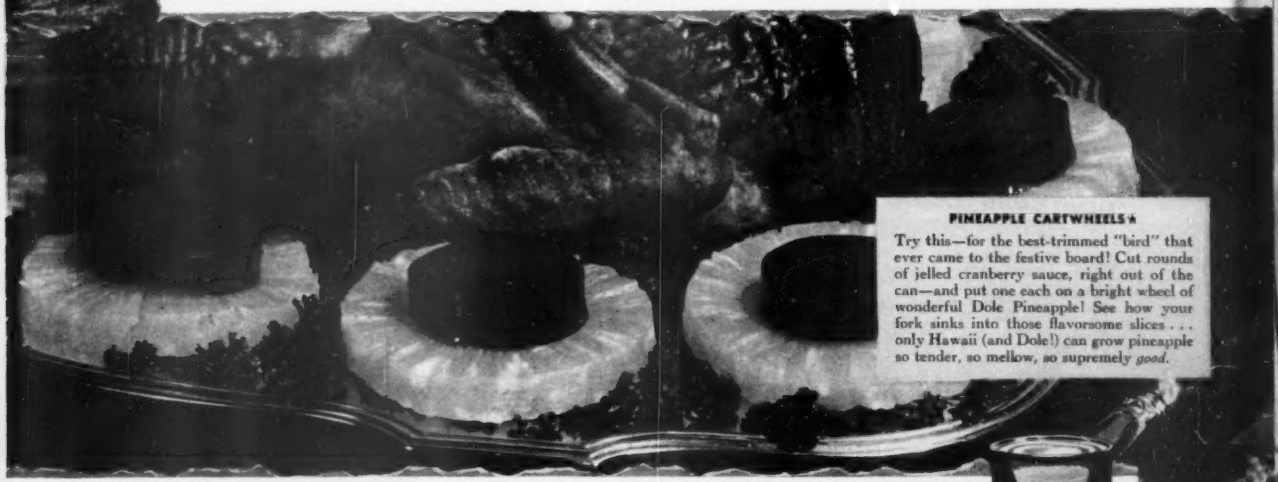




SNOW CAP SALAD★

Company season calls for something party-special, and here it is—Dole Fruit Cocktail! Happy news for holiday menus, this medley of five different fruits—among them, Dole's famous pineapple! Heap it in a nest of cottage cheese. Then top with a saucy "snow cap" of cheese, too—and you'll have a real treat to grace your table!

Holiday the Hawaiian way—



PINEAPPLE CARTWHEELS★

Try this—for the best-trimmed "bird" that ever came to the festive board! Cut rounds of jelled cranberry sauce, right out of the can—and put one each on a bright wheel of wonderful Dole Pineapple! See how your fork sinks into those flavorsome slices . . . only Hawaii (and Dole!) can grow pineapple so tender, so mellow, so supremely *good*.

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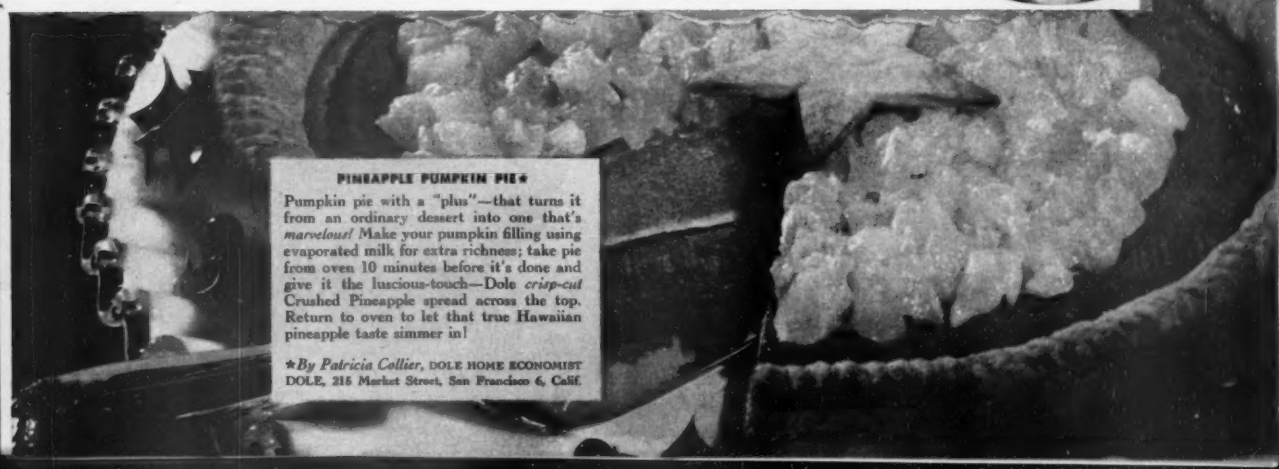

PINEAPPLE PUMPKIN PIE★

Pumpkin pie with a "plus"—that turns it from an ordinary dessert into one that's *marvelous!* Make your pumpkin filling using evaporated milk for extra richness; take pie from oven 10 minutes before it's done and give it the luscious-touch—Dole *crisp-cut* Crushed Pineapple spread across the top. Return to oven to let that true Hawaiian pineapple taste simmer in!

★*By Patricia Collier,* DOLE HOME ECONOMIST DOLE, 215 Market Street, San Francisco 6, Calif.

New "Merry Christmas" cookies!

GAY 'N LUSCIOUS WITH BAKER'S COCONUT!

What's the cookie-est time of year? Christmas time, of course. And what's more Christmasy than a luscious, snow-capped cookie—topped or filled with Baker's Coconut?

That's why this *new* Baker's Coconut recipe is such exciting holiday news! For now you can make many different kinds of coconut cookies—even little *cakes*—from one quick n' easy batter!

So festive, so delicious with tender, moist Baker's Coconut—these gay gift cookies stay lusciously chewy and fresh to the last wonderful crumb!

Cookies to give! Cookies to keep! Variations galore with one NEW BASIC COOKIE BATTER!

Basic Recipe

1½ cups sifted flour • 1½ teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder • ¼ teaspoon salt • 1 cup sugar • ½ cup butter or other shortening (room temperature) • 2 eggs, unbeaten • ¼ cup milk • 1 teaspoon vanilla • 1½ cups Baker's Coconut, cut up small.

Sift flour once; measure; add baking powder, salt, sugar; and sift again into mixing bowl. Add shortening, eggs, 2 tablespoons of milk, vanilla. Beat 2 minutes. Add coconut and remaining milk. Beat ½ minute longer, vigorously by hand or at low speed of electric mixer. Chill 2 hours. Drop from teaspoon on ungreased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (400°F.) 10 minutes, or until lightly browned. Remove from baking sheet at once. Makes 6 dozen cookies.

For cake squares, bake chilled batter in 2 greased 8x8x2-inch pans 20 to 25 minutes. Use moderate oven (375°F.)

To frost, spread with confectioner's sugar icing and sprinkle immediately with snowy luscious Baker's Coconut. For red or green icing use vegetable coloring. For Santa Claus Cookie, use red icing for cap, raisins for eyes, candied cherries for nose and mouth.

VARIATIONS

1. Chocolate. Prepare basic batter, decreasing flour 2 tablespoons and adding 2 squares Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted with the coconut. Bake as drop cookies.

2. Spice. Prepare basic batter, sifting 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ¼ teaspoon each cloves, allspice, nutmeg and ginger with dry ingredients. Bake as drop cookies.

3. Half n' Half. Prepare *Spice* batter, adding 1 square Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, melted, to half of batter. Drop teaspoon chocolate mixture and teaspoon plain mixture side by side on ungreased baking sheet.

4. Marble. Swirl Half n' Half cookies with tip of teaspoon.

5. Fruit. Prepare basic batter, adding ½ cup each raisins, chopped pecans, chopped dates with the coconut. Bake as drop cookies.

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Gala fruitcake, baked and wrapped

You can bake fruitcake way ahead of the last-minute rush. Then just before Christmas, gift-wrap it in festive paper and ribbon. Your fruitcake is sure to rate a special welcome on each holiday table. Folks know, too, there's extra thought behind your gift because you made it. See below how to make and trim fruitcake.

Mix fruitcake according to recipe, page 98. Pour batter into aluminum foil freezing containers. Bake. Put 2 cups water in pan on bottom oven shelf while baking

Cool the fruitcakes. Overlap three red and green gumdrop slices. Then center with a tiny colored gumdrop. Top with a foil lid. Store in a cool place

Wrap the fruitcakes in your prettiest paper. Tie with big shiny bows. Now you're ready to say Merry Christmas to the special people on your list

from your kitchen

Plum pudding for the big dinner

When you make out your Christmas list this year, plan to send a thoughtfully chosen gift from your kitchen. Such as an old-fashioned plum pudding, dotted with plump raisins and currants and chopped apples. Topped with a pretty trim and wrapped in bright-colored cellophane, it makes a gay parcel under the tree.

Follow recipe, page 98. Pour mixture in greased custard cups. Cover with aluminum foil. Steam. Make a flower with almond petals and cherry center on top

Wrap the cups in clear or colored cellophane. Tie the cellophane together above cup with a small piece of ribbon or string. Fluff out edges

Add a bow of bright satin ribbon. Tuck in a tiny sprig of green holly. And the pudding looks as festive as the holiday

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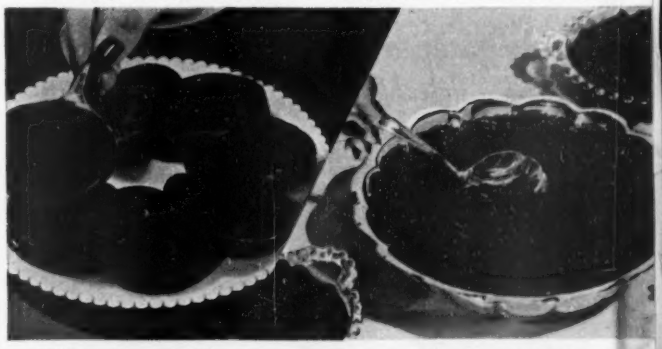
Ocean Spray - a Holiday Tradition

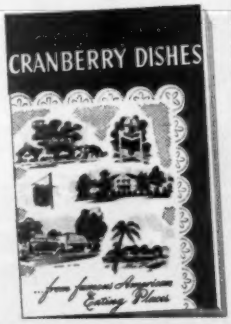
22 WAYS TO ENJOY IT DURING THE HOLIDAYS



With turkey or chicken serve Ocean Spray *Jellied* Cranberry Sauce in plump slices or fancy shapes (stars or trees for Christmas, bells for New Year's). . . . Ladle *Whole* Cranberry Sauce from your prettiest bowl into individual sauce dishes. *Both* kinds of cranberry sauce are made ready-to-serve by Ocean Spray. A 1-lb. can serves 6.

Cranberry Blossoms . . . as served in New England's famous Toll House. A luscious dessert for Christmas or New Year's parties.

Thin lemon pie filling with whipped cream. Spoon over sponge cup cakes.
Top with . . . **Cranberry Sherbet**
To 1 can Ocean Spray jellied or whole Cranberry Sauce, add
2 teaspoons grated lemon rind
3 tablespoons sugar, dissolved in
6 tablespoons orange juice
Freeze until partially set. Fold in
2 stiffly beaten egg whites,
OR
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
Freeze until firm.



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Gifts from your kitchen

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Plum Pudding

2 cups chopped suet	3 cups enriched flour
1 cup chopped apple	½ teaspoon salt
2 cups seedless raisins	1 teaspoon soda
1 cup currants	2 teaspoons cinnamon
1 cup light molasses	½ teaspoon cloves
1 cup cold water	½ teaspoon allspice

Combine suet, fruits, molasses, and water. Add sifted dry ingredients and mix thoroughly. Fill greased molds two-thirds full; cover tightly and steam 3 hours on rack in covered container, using small amount of boiling water. Serves 8 to 10. To serve, heat. Top with hard sauce.

Very Best Fruitcake

3-ounce package lemon peel	¼ cup enriched flour
3-ounce package orange peel	1 cup shortening
½ pound candied cherries	½ cup sugar
¼ pound California walnuts	½ cup honey
¼ pound pecans	5 well-beaten eggs
½ pound pitted dates	1½ cups enriched flour
¼ pound candied pineapple	1 teaspoon salt
¼ pound preserved citron	1 teaspoon baking powder
½ pound seeded raisins	1 teaspoon allspice
	½ teaspoon nutmeg
	½ teaspoon cloves
	¼ cup orange or grape juice

Shred fruit peels; halve cherries, nuts, and dates; cut pineapple and citron the size of almonds. Dredge fruits in ¼ cup flour. Cream shortening and sugar; add honey, then eggs, and beat well. Add flour sifted with dry ingredients alternately with fruit juice; beat thoroughly. Pour batter over floured fruits and mix well. Pour batter into pint or quart aluminum foil freezer containers; do not flatten. Bake in slow oven (250°) 2 to 3 hours for pint, 3½ hours for quart. Place pan containing 2 cups water on bottom shelf of oven while baking. Cakes baked with water have greater volume, a more moist texture, and a smooth, shiny glaze. Store in a covered container in a cool place. Makes about 5 pounds.

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Rib roast

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Perfect Rib Roast

Select a 2- or 3-rib standing rib roast (4 to 5 pounds). Place fat side up in roasting pan, season with salt and pepper, and place in moderately slow oven (300° to 350°). Do not cover and do not add water. Roast to desired degree of doneness, allowing 18 to 20 minutes per pound for rare roast, 22 to 25 minutes per pound for medium, and 27 to 30 minutes per pound for well-done roast. The roast-meat thermometer will read 140° for rare, 160° for medium, and 170° for well-done beef. Plan on 2 to 3 servings per pound.

Garnish with cooked tiny whole onions and buttered broccoli trimmed with stars cut out of pimiento.

Perfect Baked Ham

Place whole or half ham fat side up on rack in open roasting pan. Do not cover and do not add water. Bake in slow oven (300°), allowing 15 to 20 minutes per pound for a large ham; 20 to 25 minutes per pound for a small ham; and 25 to 30 minutes per pound for a half ham. The shorter cooking time in each case is for tendered hams. Roast-meat thermometer registers 170° when ham is done; 160° for tendered hams. Ham may be basted during cooking period with honey, syrup from canned fruit, or cider.

Garnish: Make diamonds and write "Glad Noel" with softened cream cheese piped through a pastry tube. Stick a maraschino cherry in center of each diamond with a toothpick. Frill is made from loops of red paper fastened to wooden skewer with cellophane tape. Garnish platter with sprigs of holly.

Culinary art

To my son's new bride,
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Mix-made or home-made—cakes look "company best" with these frostings

(Note: Each recipe makes enough to fill and frost two 8-inch layers.)

CHOCOLATE-WALNUT FROSTING

- 3 tbsps. butter or margarine
- 6 oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- ⅓ cup hot milk
- 2¼ cups sifted powdered sugar
- ¼ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- *Diamond* Walnut halves and pieces

Smooth and creamy for Devil's Food or any chocolate cake. Melt butter and chocolate together over hot water. Stir hot milk into sugar and salt; add vanilla. Add chocolate mixture, beating until thick. Spread on cool cake. Decorate sides with chopped *Diamond* Walnuts; arrange plump walnut halves on top to complete the luscious picture.

Do you know you get over 2 full cups of kernels from just one pound of *Diamond* Walnuts? It's true! *Diamond* Walnuts always give you more usable kernels per pound.

DIAMOND FRUITED FROSTING

- 1 egg white, unbeaten
- Dash of salt
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 tbsps. water
- 1 tsp. light corn syrup
- ½ tsp. vanilla
- ½ cup chopped raisins or dates
- ¼ cup candied cherries
- ½ cup chopped *Diamond* Walnuts

Combine first 5 ingredients in double boiler; place over boiling water; beat with rotary beater about 4 min., till stiff enough to stand in peaks. Remove from heat; add vanilla and beat 1 or 2 min. more. Fold in fruits and walnuts. Looks and tastes gorgeous on white cake—spice cake, too!

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ORANGE-WALNUT FROSTING

Just tart enough to be the perfect pickup for dainty gold or angel cake. Stir together 3 tbsps. soft butter, 1 tbsp. grated orange peel, ¼ tsp. salt and ½ cup sifted powdered sugar. Beat in one egg yolk. Gradually add 2 cups sifted powdered sugar alternately with 2 tbsps. orange juice and 1 tsp. lemon juice; beat till creamy. Spread on cool cake. Decorate with *Diamond* Walnuts—crisp pieces in the center; big, golden halves around the edge.

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For your Christmas dinner

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the red cloth that make your Christmas dinner a success. It's the heartfelt Christmas *spirit* you and all the family give to Christmas day.

The Christmas turkey

How to stuff turkey: Salt the inside cavity—1/8 teaspoon salt per pound of bird. Don't pack the stuffing. An overstuffed bird makes a soggy dressing, and bird may burst during roasting. If you're not planning to roast bird right away, chill stuffing before filling bird.

How to truss: Bind legs and wings closely to body of the bird. It will cook more evenly, brown more evenly, look better on the platter, and carve more easily. After stuffing bird, skewer neck skin to back. Fold wings so tips hold neck skin. Close body cavity opening with skewers and cord. Tie legs to tail.

How to roast: Grease skin with melted cooking fat. Place bird breast down in shallow pan. Use flat rack or V-rack. Unless bird has generous layers of fat underneath the skin, cover with rectangle of cheesecloth or thin white cloth large enough to cover top and sides. Do not cover pan; do not sear bird; do not add water. When bird is approximately three-fourths done according to timetable, turn it breast up, and replace cloth.

Turkey timetable

Dressed weight	Oven temperature	Time
8 to 10 pounds	325°	3 to 3¼ hours
10 to 14 pounds	325°	3½ to 4 hours
14 to 18 pounds	300°	4 to 4½ hours

Plan roasting schedule so turkey is out of oven 15 to 25 minutes before serving. Bird absorbs juices and is easier to carve.

Savory Stuffing

This is real, old-fashioned stuffing—

Giblets
12 cups toasted bread cubes
½ cup minced parsley
½ cup chopped onion
½ cup chopped celery
2 teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon pepper
3 teaspoons sage
1 cup milk
2 beaten eggs

Cook giblets tender; reserve 1½ cups stock. Combine bread cubes, parsley, onion, celery, and seasonings. Add milk, egg, chopped giblets, and giblet stock; chill 1 hour to blend flavors. Stuffing for 10- to 12-pound turkey.

Sweet Potato Stuffed Apples

The crown of smooth sweet potato is just right with the tart apple—

6 red apples
5 medium sweet potatoes
2 tablespoons sugar
2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine
1 teaspoon lemon juice
½ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon pepper

Cut slice from top and bottom of each apple; core apples and bake in moderate oven (350°) until almost tender, about 45 minutes. Cook sweet potatoes in jackets; peel and mash; add remaining ingredients and pile on baked apples with pastry tube. Return to oven to brown. Serves 6.

Layered Pineapple Salad

In Christmas red and green—

1 package cherry-flavored gelatine
1¾ cups hot water
2 packages lime-flavored gelatine
3½ cups hot water
1 cup chopped celery
½ cup chopped California walnuts
2 cups crushed pineapple, drained

Dissolve cherry gelatine in hot water; cover bottom of 2-quart mold; chill until firm. Dissolve lime gelatine in 3½ cups hot water; chill until partially set; then stir in celery, walnuts, and pineapple, and pour mixture over firm cherry gelatine. Chill until firm. Unmold on bed of lettuce. Garnish with cubes of plain cherry gelatine and plain lime gelatine and half slices of pineapple filled with a mixture of cream cheese and chopped walnuts. Serves 6 to 8.

Eggnog Pies

A bright red cherry cut in a flower and red Christmas sugar go on top—

3 beaten egg yolks
½ cup sugar
2 cups light cream
⅛ teaspoon salt
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon vanilla
3 stiff-beaten egg whites
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Beat egg yolks, sugar, and cream. Add salt, nutmeg, and vanilla. Fold in egg whites. Pour into individual pastry-lined piepans. Bake in hot oven (450°) 10 minutes, then in moderate oven (325°) until firm, about 25 minutes. Top with whipped cream; sprinkle with red sugar. Center with a maraschino-cherry flower. Makes 6 little pies.

Bygone baking glory

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When they're craving to be fed,
How it feels to crunch the heel
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(Watch the butter melt and spread)
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From a loaf of homemade bread!

—*Arthur Frederic Otis*

recipe

Holiday Salad...sparkling and easy with sun-ripe

Canned Fruit Cocktail from California

serve with Ritz Crackers

½ cup whipping cream
1 tablespoon lemon juice
4 teaspoons sugar
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
4 finely cut marshmallows
1 No. 2½ can fruit cocktail
Salad greens for garnish

Whip cream until stiff and fold in lemon juice, sugar, rind and marshmallows. Arrange well-drained chilled fruit cocktail in circle on each garnished salad plate. Place mound of dressing in center of fruit and surround it with a wreath of greens. Serves 6.

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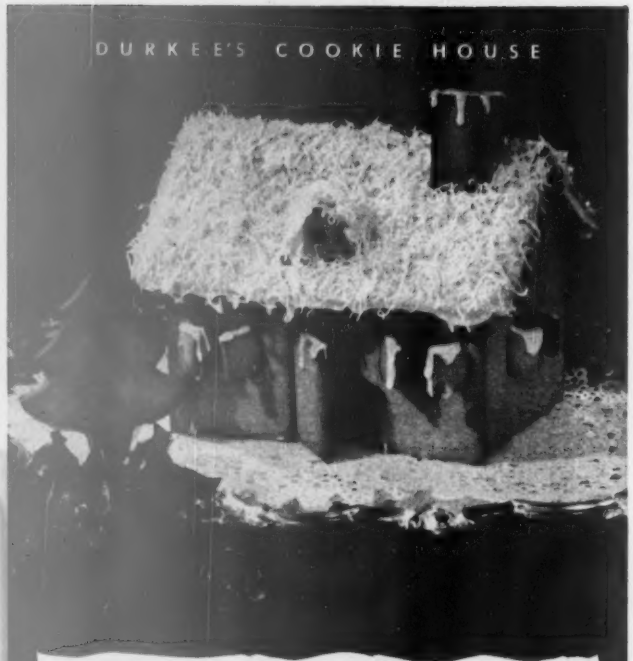

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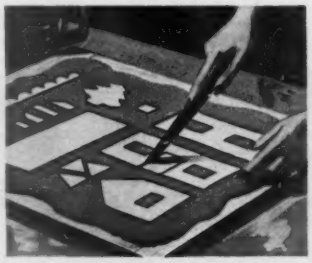

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Candied orange peel

—old-fashioned holiday treat

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Shiny candied orange peel with a frosty sugar finish is an inexpensive treat with a lot of holiday glamour for your Christmas candy trays. Save the orange peels when you squeeze the breakfast orange juice. Then you're ready to follow the picture directions below.

Scrape pulp from peel of 3 oranges. (You will get neater petals if oranges are cut lengthwise.) Cover peel with 1 tablespoon salt in 4 cups water. Weight with a plate to keep peel under water; let stand overnight. Drain and wash thoroughly. Now cover with cold water; heat to boiling. Drain. Repeat this three times. This helps take away bitter taste of peel. With kitchen scissors, cut into petal-shaped strips

Put 2 cups peel into a saucepan; add 2 cups sugar and ½ cup water. Stir till sugar dissolves. Cook slowly till peel is translucent, about 30 minutes. Drain; roll in granulated sugar. Dry on cake rack. Slide piece of waxed paper under cake rack to catch the drip

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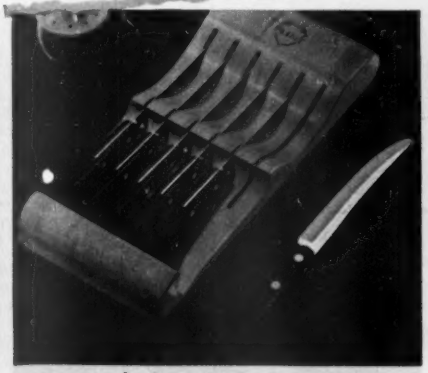

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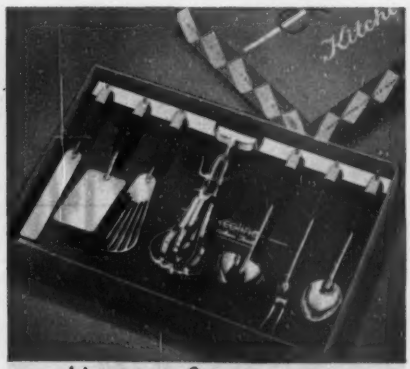

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Slick tricks for Christmas

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Christmas Eve oyster stew

Add chopped parsley to the stew last minute. Sprinkle with paprika. It's a real Yuletide color combination.—*Mrs. F. B. MacVicar, Kansas City, Missouri.*

Perfect mince pie

Sprinkle bottom crust with a layer of crushed corn flakes before you add mincemeat. They help prevent a soggy crust. —*Mrs. M. T. Sage, Pittsburgh.*

About nuts

Spread unshelled California walnuts in a single layer in a shallow roasting pan. Roast in hot oven (400°) 12 to 15 minutes. Stir occasionally. Serve roasted nuts hot or cold for good nibbling.—*Mrs. L. S. Scott, Chicago.*

Rainbow hard sauce

Divide hard sauce in three parts. Color one part pale pink, one pale green, and leave the other plain. Line a small loaf pan with waxed paper or aluminum foil. Spread in ¾-inch layers; chill each layer before adding next. Sliced hard sauce looks like brick ice cream. Serve with plum pudding.—*Mrs. J. W. Ahern, Pasadena, California.*

Hole-in-one

If you don't have a tube cake pan, you can make a hollow-center fruitcake by inverting a small glass in the center of a round casserole or baking dish.—*Mrs. Joseph Morgan, Haynesville, Louisiana.*

Stuffed toys

Freshly laundered old rayon or nylon stockings, from which cotton tops and feet have been removed, make good stuffing. Toys will be lighter in weight and washable.—*Mrs. Arvid H. Carlson, Rush City, Minnesota.*

Quick licks

Save time and tongue when you're putting stamps on Christmas-card envelopes. Just run the stamps over an ice cube.—*Mrs. D. J. Thorson, Minneapolis.*

Christmas cake

Make your favorite cake a Christmas feature with seasonal decoration. Sprinkle green-tinted coconut in a wreath shape on white frosting. Scatter red cinnamon candies and silver bead candies among the coconut shreds. For the final gay touch, stick a red paper ribbon bow on with a toothpick.—*Lucile Lacey, Jacksonville, Illinois.*

Corny

Pop corn two or three days before stringing for Christmas-tree decorations. For gay color contrasts, dip corn in a thin sugar syrup colored with vegetable coloring.—*Floy Crosby Smith, Fair Oaks, California.*

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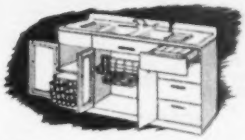

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Slick tricks for Christmas

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Gift lift

Cutouts from last year's prettiest Christmas cards are attractive for decorating gift packages and boxes. You can use them, too, for a festive touch on holiday notes.—*Dorothy Beyer, Euclid, Ohio.*

Nice to slice

After blanching almonds, soak them a short time in warm water so they'll be easier to slice. Cut slivers, then roast in moderate oven (350°) till light brown.—*Mrs. Bruce Beaubien, Fall River, Massachusetts.*

Pleasingly plump

Wash and spread seedless raisins in a flat pan. Cover and heat in a moderate oven (350°) until raisins puff out and lose their wrinkles.—*Mrs. J. A. Alexander, New Orleans.*

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Cooky cue

To keep cookies crisp, store them in a can with a loose cover. Keep soft cookies in a covered earthenware jar or a can with a tight cover. Slices of apple or bread will help mellow and moisten cookies.—*Mrs. P. L. Baldwin, Omaha, Nebraska.*

Holiday fruitcake

Place pan containing 2 cups of water on the bottom shelf of the oven while baking. The cake will have a greater volume, a moister texture, and a smooth shiny glaze. —*Mrs. M. L. Boswell, Atlanta, Georgia.*

Santa Claus sauce

Combine applesauce with strained cranberry sauce for crimson color, perky flavor.—*Mrs. T. J. Mulvane, Cleveland, Ohio.*

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What kind of memories are you building?

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in this hurrying, frightening world?

"When I was a little boy," reminisces my neighbor, "the old Barnum and Bailey circus always came to our town. Every year when the honeysuckle was in blossom, you'd hear the calliope down the street and every boy in town would be off like a shot. I'll never smell honeysuckle as long as I live without hearing those circus horses prancing and the drummers going by."

Many of the memories of childhood are memories of the senses. You smell drenched lilacs in a foreign land and weep for the memory of a little New England town; you catch a whiff of frying chicken from an open doorway in a strange city, and you're back again at Mother's for Sunday supper under the chandelier; you hear bells ringing somewhere far away and are sleigh-riding once more on Christmas Eve.

Children nowadays—especially city children—are often shortchanged by a lack of memorable sounds and tastes and smells. Christmas especially is the time for sweet and sensory memories—for the smell of fruitcake and bayberry candles and the sound of carols on a winter night. But all year long, from time to time, try this test. Ask yourself: "What fragrance blooms in our yard or bakes in our oven that our child will remember? What sounds, musical or otherwise, will sometime remind him of what it was like to be a little boy in the middle of the twentieth century?"

The modern world is full of sensory experience if only we take the trouble to find it. The voices of Scrooge and Tiny Tim on the radio on Christmas Eve; the lighting of the community Christmas tree; the hurrying holiday crowds in a great railway terminal; the smell of hamburgers in the back-yard grill and of dill pickles and cheese at the delicatessen; the sound of footsteps on the pavement on a foggy night; the bouquets of the balloon man flowering on a city street; an airplane landing with lights sparkling like a Christmas tree—these are as unforgettable as the sights and sounds and smells of our own childhood.

Be comforted by the certainty that our children will remember what belongs to *their* childhood as we remember what belonged to ours. But there are some *basic* experiences which no child should miss. Every child should have a chance to know the sound of bullfrogs in the spring; the music of a brook in the trout season; the smell of turning earth in plowing time; the feel of rain-wet grass on bare toes; the crunch of snow under the runners of a new sled on Christmas morn.

The country child performs each

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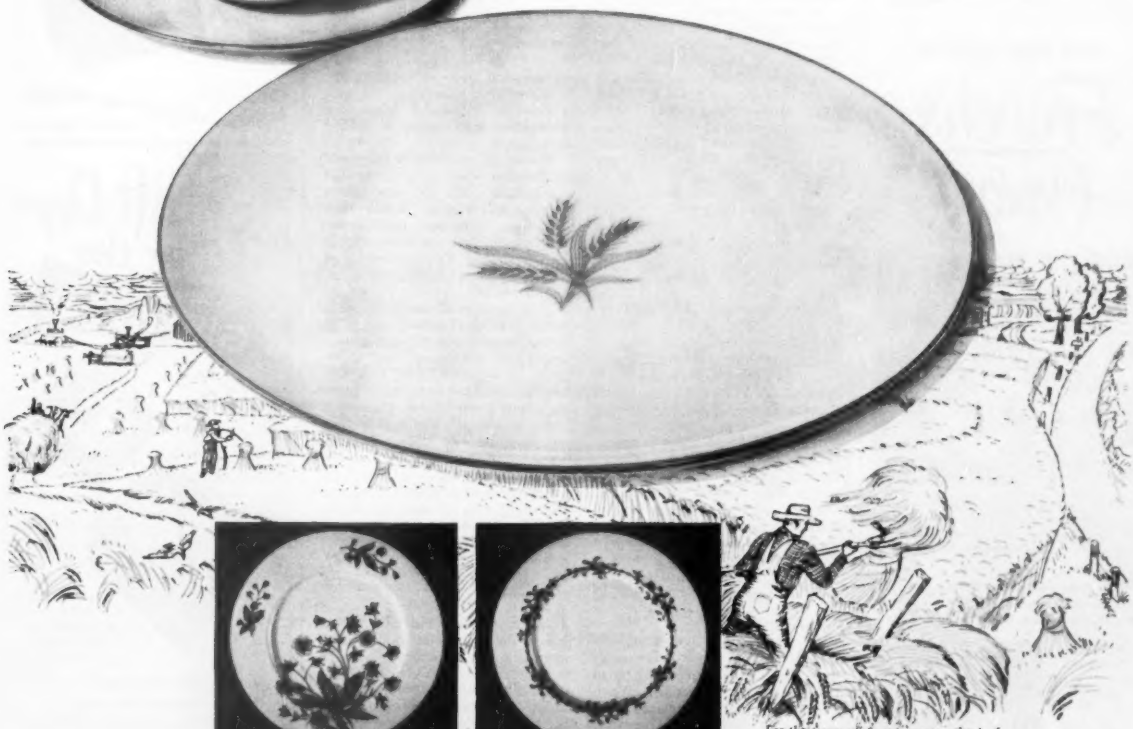

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What kind of memories are you building?

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year a ceremonial of common days. In the spring, he sees the sap running in the maple trees; in the autumn, he helps with the harvest; in December, he goes to the snowy woods for the Christmas tree.

Children need to feel and remember the rhythmic turning of the seasons. And even city parents should ceremonially celebrate the first fruits of the garden, the first fires of autumn, the first snow.

But the child's memories are not all sensory. He remembers what makes him feel private, alone, aware of himself.

All children need solitude. Remember the afternoons when you came home from school and there was nobody home and the clock ticked so loudly and the house seemed to strange and silent, you felt as though you had gone through the looking glass into another world?

A child needs catch-up times, oases of serenity, when he is just being and not striving. But this important sense of aloneness is hard to achieve in the modern home.

At my grandmother's you could build a house in the dark under the front veranda or dream over old chests in the attic on a rainy afternoon. There is no place to be private in many of today's homes. Many children do not even have a room of their own. We shall have to learn over again to provide hidden corners in house and yard, hideaways of safety for a child's secret self. A stone wall with a flat top hidden under an apple tree is a fine retreat; so is a window seat with curtains that can be pulled to hide you; or an attic with a secret door.

Of course, your child will remember solitude with joy only if there is not too much of it. A wonderful thing about Christmas as it used to be is that there were so many aunts around and uncles and cousins. For one of the best of all a child's memories is the feeling of closeness with grownups. It's a funny thing, but we don't remember our childhood playmates very much. What we did together, yes; but the child himself is a kind of symbol which loses reality as we leave our childhood.

Not so with grownups. Few of us lack the memory of an unforgettable character, a unique adult, as real to us now as he was in our childhood.

I remember an uncle, a teller of tall tales, who could never resist gathering children around him to listen to his Puckish yarns. "When I was in Venezuela," he would begin with the utmost gravity, though, as we all knew, he had never set foot beyond his own country. And an hour later, we would still be listening raptly to tales of milk which flew from the cow's udder straight to butter frames on the ceiling and blueberries so big you could climb to the top of one to escape a bear.

He was at his best on Christmas Eve when he would assemble us around the big Franklin stove—with the lights turned low, "because Santa Claus doesn't want you to see him,"—and somehow prompt us into inventing wonderful tales of our own which a delighted Santa Claus, who must providentially have been sitting on the roof, rewarded with a rain of lollipops and pennies.

If we are not watchful, modern children may lose this happy contact with us fabulous oldsters. We are so carefully "teen-agers," or "young adults," or just plain adults. And when we do pass the line of youth, it is as pals, understanding and controlled, hiding all our idiosyncrasies. But children need to remember grownups with a salty tang and adult life as mysterious and exciting and just beyond their reach.

It is fine for a boy to go fishing with Dad and Grandfather and hang around in a place like an old country store where boys are only tolerated and the talk is racy and adult. It is good for children to sit in, reasonably quiet, when there is exhilarating talk with company at the dinner table, and it is good for them to go visiting relatives with Mother and Dad—especially if one of the relatives is an old codger with a perverse temper, a fascinating life history, and a knack for telling salty stories.

The child remembers *other* people because they are exciting and stimulating. But he remembers Mother and Father because they love him. Over and over again, psychologists tell us that emotional security comes from remembered love. But what makes a child remember love?

Turn back your memories again to the Christmas of long ago. Why are we so sure that Christmas was better then than now? Isn't it because we were children then and Mother and Dad were there, moving about downstairs on Christmas Eve with whispers and soft laughter, planning who knew what delights for their children?

Remember, too, the time you had measles and Mother read you Pinocchio and brought you floating island pudding on the silver tray; or the day you lost your kitten and Dad stayed home from work and drove you all over town calling and looking?

Love is a quality, not a quantity. It is as much at home in an apartment as in a farmhouse. It belongs to a mother who must work to help support the family as well as to a mother who stays in her own kitchen. Its test, I think, is this: When Mother and Dad must choose between their plans and a child in need, how sure is the child that he will be chosen?

For better or for worse, the quality of your love for your child is forever blazed on his memory. But he remembers his own achievements, too. Once I heard a celebrated statesman say, "You know

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the smartest thing I ever did? I'll tell you. I got lost in the woods when I was 10 years old, and I took my bearings by the sun and found my way out by myself. I'll never forget it."

Somehow we don't remember the time we spelled everybody down in class. It's the day we climbed through the trap door in the haymow and got up on the ridgepole of the barn roof all by ourselves; the time we helped Dad the night the calf was born; or got supper for company when Mother was away. It is the tangible experiences which seem so especially meaningful for a child—the opportunities to explore and share and create, to make the Christmas wreath and cut out the cookies and build the snowman in the yard and knit the socks for Daddy.

But perhaps most of all, a child remembers the traditions of his family. In our family, cookies in the crock the year round are a symbol of tradition.

At Christmas time, we have a special cooky day when the neighbor's children—and maybe three or four more from the orphanage on the hill—pile into our kitchen to cut out houses, stars, trees, and Santa Clauses and decorate them with wonderful flowers, lights, and sashes all made from colored frosting. Then each child goes home with his spoils.

And on Christmas Eve, we have a loving ritual which none of us would vary by a line. We turn on the lights on the Christmas tree, light the tall candles on the maple table, and read aloud together the story from St. Luke. Then Patricia sings "Adeste Fidelis," and Jim's deep voice goes into "Silent Night, Holy Night"—after which, and with much gusto, we all sing "Joy to the World." Then we turn on the lights, bring out the good things to eat, open the parcels that have come by mail from far away, and listen to *A Christmas Carol* on the record-player. Then we hang our stockings and so to bed, lingering a little, my husband and I, for a toast to each other by the lighted tree as Christmas morning breaks soundlessly in the dark outside.

And I think, this Christmas Eve, that I would be happy if my children remembered Christmas most of all when in years to come, their thoughts go back to childhood. For there can be no better tribute to a home than this—that it is a house to keep Christmas in.

For Christmas traditions are more than sentiment. They are the mark of the family's individuality. Traditions announce the values which are most important to Mother and Dad and affirm what they think is the content of a good life.

A child's memories are built of very simple things—cookies in the crock; walks in the rain; going fishing with Father; pinning the angel on the Christmas tree; being lonely and being loved. We who are parents are the *architects of memory*. And that is as proud a vocation as any that I know.

Appetizers and desserts *Begins on page 76*

Cheese Straws

- ¾ cup enriched flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup shortening
- 2 to 2½ tablespoons cold water
- 1 cup grated American cheese

Sift flour and salt; add shortening. Cut in with pastry-blender or blending fork until the pieces are the size of small peas. Add cold water by teaspoonfuls, tossing with a fork until all the flour-coated bits of fat are barely dampened. Turn mixture onto a square of waxed paper. Gather up corners, pressing from the outside to form a compact ball. Chill for easier handling. Roll ⅛ inch thick; sprinkle ½ cup cheese over half; fold over other half. Sprinkle ½ cup grated cheese on half the folded surface and again fold over. Roll ¼ inch thick; cut in ¼x4-inch strips. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in hot oven (425°) 10 minutes. Makes about 1½ dozen straws.

Cranberry Sherbet

- 1 pound (4 cups) cranberries
- 2 cups boiling water
- 1 teaspoon unflavored gelatine
- ¼ cup cold water
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 pint ginger ale

Wash and pick over berries. Add water. Cook covered 15 minutes. Press through strainer. Add gelatine, softened in cold water, and sugar; stir until dissolved. Cool. Add ginger ale. Freeze in refrigerator tray to mushy consistency. Turn into chilled mixing bowl; beat with rotary or electric beater. Freeze until firm in trays or in paper cups. Or freeze in hand freezer. Serves 8 to 10.

Christmas Pudding

- 3 tablespoons shortening
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 well-beaten egg yolk
- ¼ cup chopped dates
- ¼ cup chopped candied cherries
- ¼ cup chopped California walnuts
- 2 cups fine graham cracker crumbs
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ cup milk
- 1 stiff-beaten egg white

Thoroughly cream shortening, sugar, and vanilla; add egg yolk; beat well. Stir in fruit and nuts. Mix cracker crumbs, salt, and baking powder; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk. Fold in egg white. Fill greased custard cups two-thirds full. Cover tightly with waxed paper. Steam 30 minutes. Serves 6. Or steam in greased 1½-quart mold 1½ hours. Individual cups may also be baked (uncovered) in moderate oven (350°) 30 minutes. Serve with **Fluffy Hard Sauce:** Thoroughly cream ½ cup butter and 2 cups confectioners' sugar. Add 1 egg yolk; beat well. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Fold in 1 stiff-beaten egg white until thoroughly blended.

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- 4 cups cooked macaroni
- 2 cups hamburg
- 1½ cups tomatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons French's Sweet Pepper Flakes
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- 2 tablespoons French's Onion Flakes

Cook hamburg in cooking fat until brown. Place alternate layers of macaroni, tomatoes and hamburg in a greased casserole dish, seasoning each layer with salt, pepper, mustard, onion flakes and pepper flakes. Dot with butter and bake in moderate oven (350°F.) 30 minutes. Six servings.

Fudge Sauce

Simmer 2 sq. (2 oz.) unsweetened chocolate and ½ cup water over direct heat about 2 min. or until chocolate is melted and mixture is thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; slowly add 1½ cups white corn syrup, ½ tsp. salt and 2 tsps. French's Nutmeg. Simmer 10 min. stirring occasionally; add 1 tsp. French's Vanilla. Serve hot or cold on vanilla or coffee ice cream. Makes 1½ cups.

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All dated up!

Such good things to eat with dates! Crisp, rich cookies, creamy desserts, tender nut loaves, easy sweetmeats. When you get some dates, try these recipes

Date-Nut Squares. Top them with whipped cream, serve them for dessert; nibble salted nuts on the side. They're easy. Plus the wonderful flavor and chewiness and crunchiness of the dates and nuts, you get the good flavor of graham crackers

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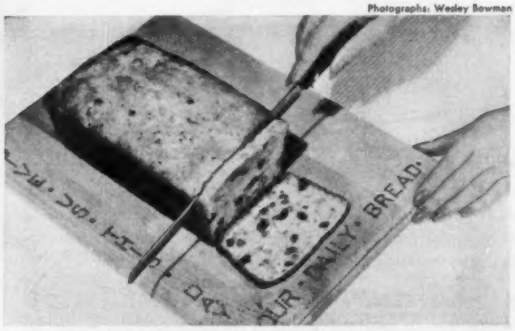
Layered Date Bars are left of the Christmas tree. Right of it are plump Date-filled Butterscotch Cookies. Both are rich, wonderful treats from the cooky jar



Date-Nut Bread. Slice thin slices of the delicious loaf; serve with pats of cool butter, or cream-cheese spread. So good with salads, with hot tea or coffee

Stuffed Dates. Fill the moist dates with the creamy, orange-flavored filling. Sprinkle some with coconut; top others with nuts, maraschino cherries

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Date-Nut Dessert. Creamy, rich, cool, custard-like pudding is hiding bites of chewy dates and crisp nuts. You eat it with a fluff of rich whipped cream on top

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Christmas candies

Don't miss bringing Christmas into the kitchen this year. Pick an evening when the whole family's home and make a batch of Molasses Taffy or Butter Toffee. Or let them help you crack the nuts for Christmas Fruit Balls and Sugared Walnuts. This way, candy's as much fun to make as it is to eat. See the picture directions.

Butter Toffee

Spread with creamy chocolate, nut-crusted

Combine 1 cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup water, and ½ cup butter or fortified margarine. Cook to light-crack stage (285°). *Light-crack test:* Add a few drops of mixture to water. The mixture will form a thin, pliable ribbon. Add ½ cup chopped walnuts

Pour onto well-greased cooky sheet. Cool. Melt 2 6-ounce packages semisweet chocolate. Spread half on top; sprinkle with ½ cup walnuts. Cool. Turn; spread with remaining chocolate. Sprinkle with ½ cup nuts. This will make about 2 dozen pieces

Photographs: Wesley Bowman

When chocolate has cooled, break toffee in pieces with a wooden mallet or a small household hammer. Now for the holiday gift boxes and the candy dish. Inside each piece is rich butter-nut toffee; outside is chocolate flaked with walnuts. Wonderful? Watch it disappear

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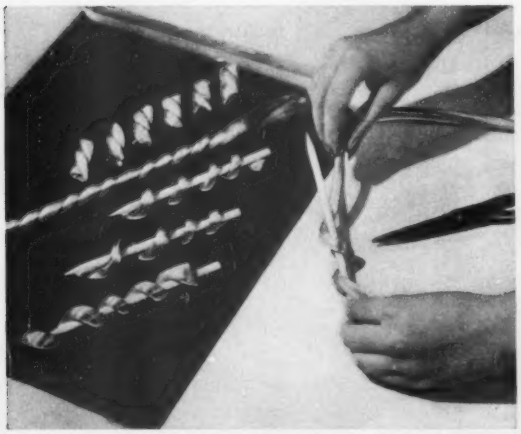
By Betsy McCracken

Molasses Taffy

Rich molasses flavor, fun to pull

Combine ½ cup sugar, 1 cup molasses, and 1 tablespoon vinegar. Stir to dissolve sugar. Cook to very-hard-ball stage (260° to 265°). *Hard-ball test:* Put several drops of mixture in water. The ball formed can be removed from water, makes a sound when tapped

Add ⅛ teaspoon soda and 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine. Mix well. Pour on a well-greased platter. When partially cool, fold edges to center with a spatula. When taffy is cool enough to handle, grease your hands and pull taffy till it's light-colored



Curl thin ropes of taffy lightly around oiled wood skewers. When taffy is cool, pull out skewers. Or twist two strands of taffy together. Cut in pieces with kitchen scissors. How about organizing a taffy pull?

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Christmas candies

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Place 2½ cups California walnut halves in a shallow pan. Heat in moderate oven (375°) about 15 minutes. Stir frequently

Crisp walnut halves, sugar-coated

Stir gently until the nuts are well-coated and the mixture becomes creamy. Turn out on a greased platter. Separate the walnut halves as they cool. These sweet-crusted nuts are good travelers. So put them in the gift boxes that you plan to send through the mail

When walnuts are out of the oven, cook 1 cup sugar, ½ cup water, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, and 1 teaspoon salt to soft-ball stage (236°) without stirring. *Soft-ball test:* Drop a small amount of mixture into a cup of cold water. Mixture will form a ball that can be picked up in water but will fall apart out of water. Remove from heat and add 1½ teaspoons vanilla extract and the nuts

Christmas fruit balls, festive and absolutely failureproof

Here's a candy that doesn't need cooking. All you do is grind the fruits and nuts through food chopper and mix. First measure out the ingredients: 1 cup each dried figs and pitted dates, ¼ cup seeded raisins, 6 maraschino cherries, 2 cups blanched almonds, 1 cup California walnuts, and 1 cup pecans. Put through the food chopper

Add 2 tablespoons orange juice, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, and ½ teaspoon grated orange peel. Mix thoroughly. Form into small balls. Roll the balls in granulated sugar. Keep in a cool place. You'll find they are so easy to make that even the youngsters can get a hand in

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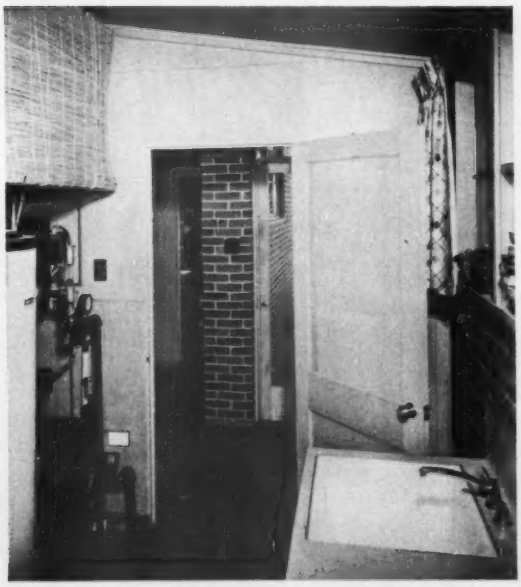
Only above-counter storage space in the entire kitchen is the tiny two-shelf unit in the foreground (right). All utensils, supplies, equipment go under counters in space planned for them

Shelves for canned goods are mounted on rubber rollers, can be pulled out for easy selection without any reaching or upsetting

Parking space for the serving cart you saw on page 62 is a recess under one of the counters that line opposite walls of the corridor-type kitchen. Windows above sink are high enough to clear garage roof outside



Utility room shares one end of kitchen with laundry equipment, can be hidden from view by unfurling the reed blind suspended from the ceiling

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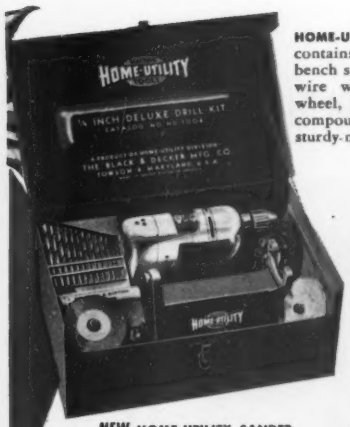

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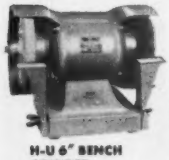

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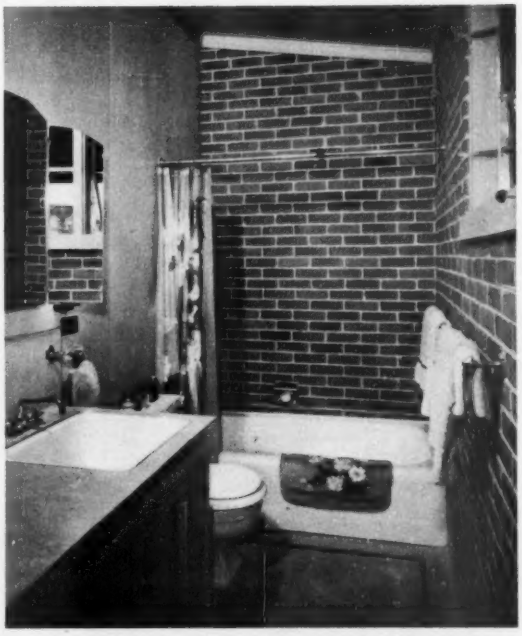
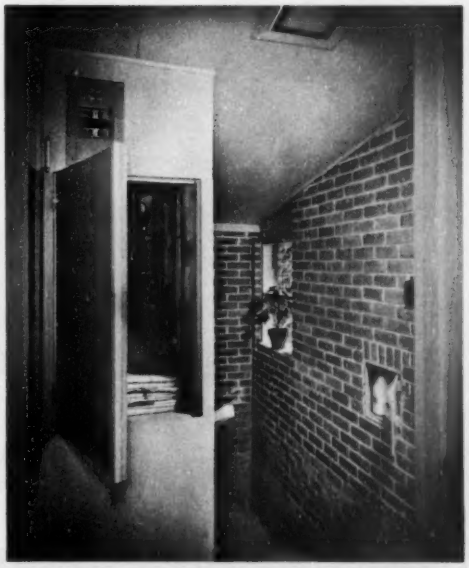


As in the rest of the house, walls around the bathtub are plywood, waterproofed to prevent warping, and brick. As in bedroom, mirror is three-sectioned. Medicine cabinet is on end wall above the counter



At top of half-flight of stairs to basement is small closet specifically designed for paper bags, old newspapers, boxes, shopping basket

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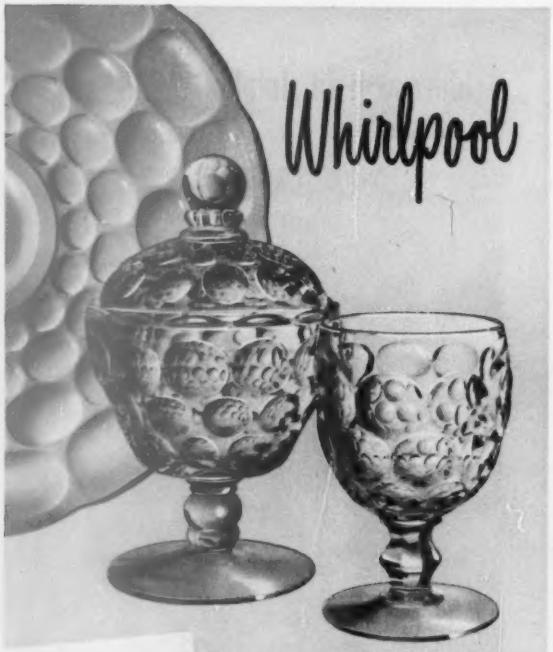

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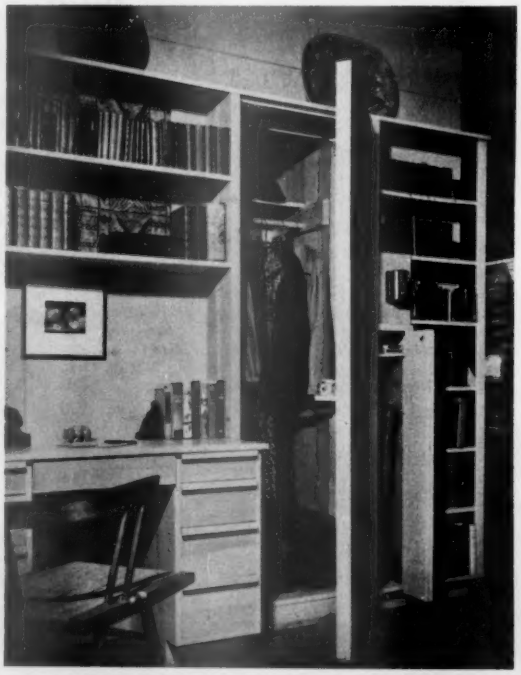

Storage wall at the "guest room" end of the living area takes care of books, a couple of card tables, cards, and guests' coats and luggage. Shelf and mirror on the inside of the door serve as small powder room

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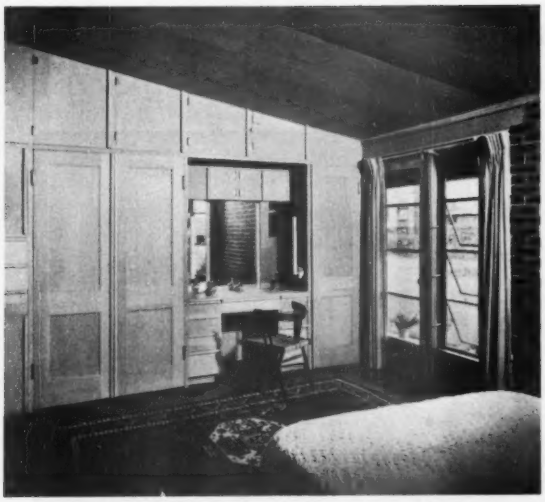
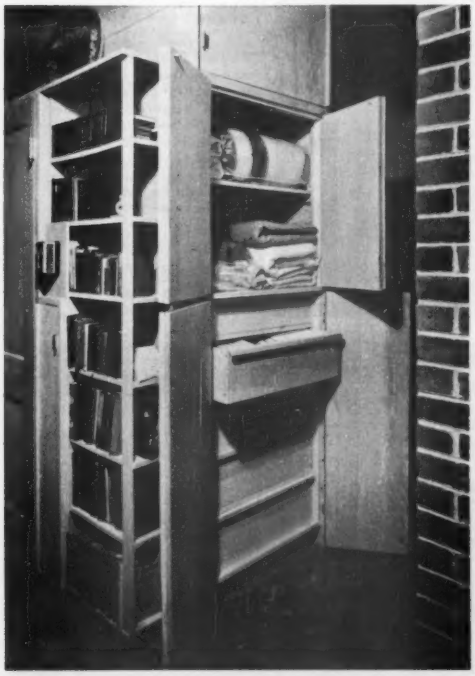


So that three walls would be free for windows and furniture, all bedroom storage space is built around a dressing table on the inside wall. Sloping roof permits gradation in heights of the top row of storage cabinets



Off bedroom between living room and bathroom is a closet for extra bedding. Doors conceal open drawer fronts to simplify appearance

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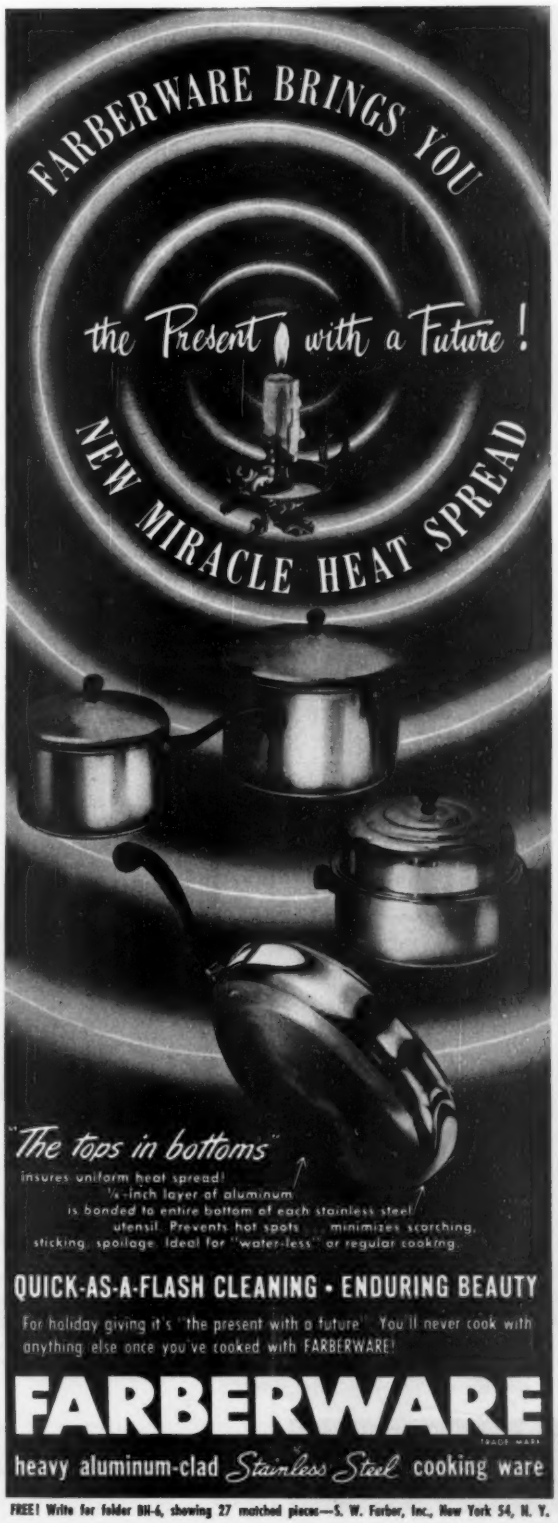

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By Karen Wallace

BEFORE

The sofa seemed dwarfed in a new living room. Small pictures didn't look right, and the lamps were far too small. See how much better the sofa looks in the right room, pictured at bottom of the page

AFTER

There's good balance in the Rossiter living room now—large-scale sofa, larger pictures on the wall, larger lamps on sturdy end tables at either end of the sofa, and colorful print draperies hung at the outer edges of the window to make the window look larger and more important. Note how the family's love of nature shows in the furnishings

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Sofa that looked lost in the new living room is now perfectly at home in this small, low-ceilinged room. Traverse draperies disguise solid rows of windows, converting sunroom into a friendly den with more privacy. Room is used for viewing television shows

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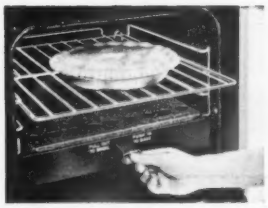

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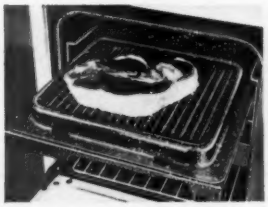

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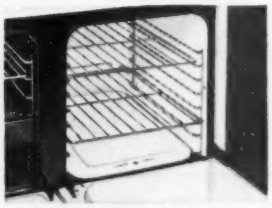

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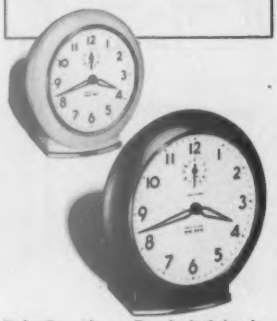

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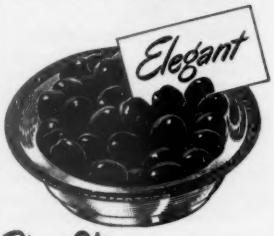

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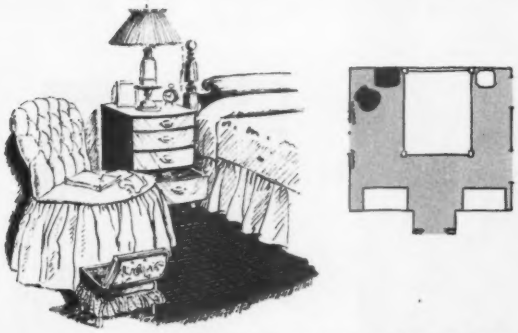
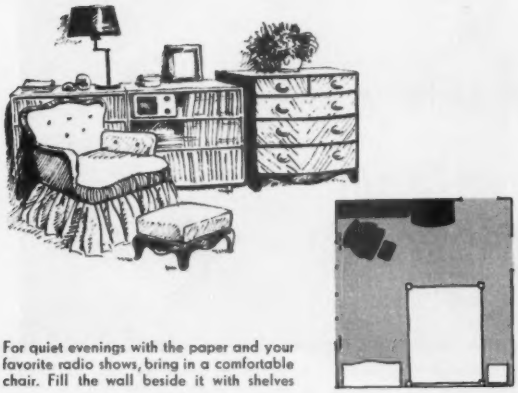
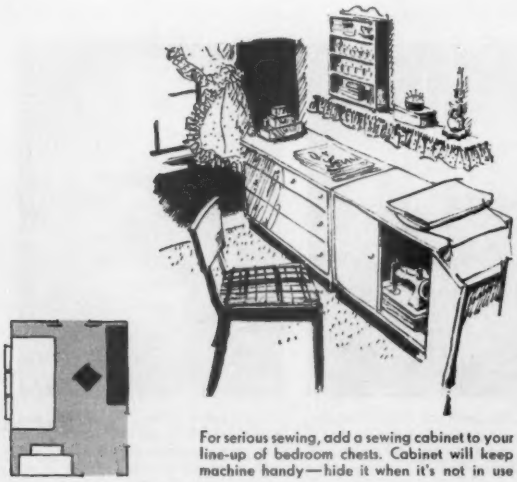


For knitting and mending, draw a small easy chair close to your bedside table—and let the table do double duty. Those who knit much prefer an armless chair



For quiet evenings with the paper and your favorite radio shows, bring in a comfortable chair. Fill the wall beside it with shelves



For serious sewing, add a sewing cabinet to your line-up of bedroom chests. Cabinet will keep machine handy—hide it when it's not in use

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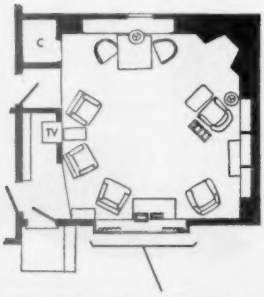
Between television shows, the family's attention centers around this corner. This kind of living room is popular with men—it's the kind of room they're proud to show their friends. Note how well the gun collection combines with the window treatment

The Mitchells got a cozy room from their two-car garage



FORMER GARAGE DOORS

Your garage may offer room for good living

Comfortable furnishings give the garage its living-room look, don't hint that cars once came through the very spot where that window is now. Furnishings are practical, too. Cotton and leather covers take a lot of wear. The pine table is generous size for buffet suppers and family dinners

By Helen Warren

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

If you'd like to add a family-living room to your house—don't overlook your garage. The C. Garfield Mitchells, of Dayton, Ohio, found their two-car garage ideal for the extra room they needed. It was attached to the house, was just the right size, and was in a good spot in relation to their other rooms.

If you have a garage that's part of your house and is well located, you may want to get a family-living room from it. You may find, as the Mitchells did, that though you can't conveniently add a room to your home, your attached garage offers valuable living area ready-made. Like the Mitchells, you, too, may find it easier to build a new garage. Here's an example of good living that can be had from an attached garage.

Here, with the door to the built-in television set closed, you can hardly tell that the set rests inside the pine-paneled wall. Dutch door at left opens on driveway, so guests can step right into room from cars. L. Damon Whitmore, architect. Keith Wilson, decorator

Open the door in the paneled wall, and television set becomes the focal point of the room. Leather-covered chairs are light, swing easily around toward TV set

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1950 Cape Cod

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Breakfast area (foreground), kitchen, and laundry (background) are open to each other. Maple cabinets with black H-hinges were made on job. Wall opposite sink has more storage space surrounding refrigerator

Except for the chimney, the house is built entirely of wood, with processed shakes for side walls and wood shingles on the roof, with every tenth course doubled to emphasize horizontal lines.

If your lot is absolutely flat, you may not want to drop your garage three steps below first-floor level as shown on the plans. Four inches is sufficient, and the eave line of the utility and garage wing will be straight on the street side instead of broken as it appears on page 56.

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Designed as a study, with oak plank walls and an acoustical ceiling, this front room downstairs is equipped to double as guest room or second living room. Note space for file drawers built in wall between windows

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New life-size TV picture. Big chest type off-the-floor cabinet with provincial legs, unique door pulls. Hand-rubbed Walnut. **Model 17F2**

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Here's a handsome cabinet that blends with either modern or traditional furnishings. Life-size *rectangular* TV . . . FM/AM radio . . . 3-speed record changer. Hand-rubbed Mahogany or Limed Oak. **MODEL 17F1**

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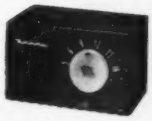
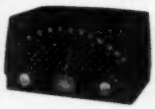


The gift with the "Golden Voice"! Compact AM radio with plenty of rugged power. Choice of six striking colors in handsome cabinet. **MODEL 5R**



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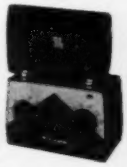

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What's wrong with this family?

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What's right. In this day of small families and small homes, it's good to have occasional visits from relatives. Children need the fun and the feeling of belonging to a group larger than just their immediate family. The bringing of gifts is an age-old prerogative of visiting relatives and is as desirable a part of a child's life as Santa Claus.

In this particular family, Alice and Aunt Jenny were both partly right. Alice had a right to be angry at Judy for breaking the bowl, especially after she had warned her not to touch it. A mild spanking would have been all right as a means of reminding Judy that she can't destroy other people's property.

What's wrong. It's Will who is wrong—and on two counts: (1) Judy *isn't* a baby and should not be allowed to feel that being young is an excuse for not behaving properly; (2) he shouldn't have interfered in what Alice wanted to do. Lack of agreement between his parents in matters of discipline is more distressing to a child than the discipline itself.

The incident is a good illustration of how hard it is to lay down rules of discipline.

Judy did need reproof because she *did* know what she was doing when she picked up the bowl—and she had disobeyed a direct order. Whether a spanking or scolding would have been better depends on the age of the child, the way he reacts, and also the way *you* feel and react. A child of 4 can be reasoned with about his behavior, but too long and wordy a scolding may only confuse and leave him with a lot of uneasy, buried feelings that he is all bad. Or scoldings may just "go in one ear and out the other."

A little spanking is sometimes better, because a "naughty" child is usually showing that he is feeling angry about something inside. A spanking gives him a chance to get his unhappy feelings out through a good, hard cry. This may also enable him to reveal the cause of the anger which provoked his "naughtiness." This is what you really need to know and handle.

It is usually best to use the discipline which comes most natural to you. Alice's first impulse was to spank Judy—a normal and natural way to feel and no cause for shame on her part. Anger is an emotion all parents share. It is good for children to know that their parents are "human" too, and have the same feelings as themselves. A child like Judy is not too young to learn that her mother does feel anger when Judy does something wrong. But it is also important for Judy to know that anger does not mean that Mom or Dad doesn't love her. Affection, blended with discipline, helps a youngster learn to control wrong impulses and develop acceptable standards of behavior.

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Who (pardon the expression)
spits.

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The sacred rules that you abuse,
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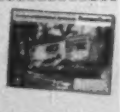

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By June P. Wilson

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For overnight guests. Behind the loose sofa cushions you'll find cupboards for blankets, linen, pillows. The sofa itself turns into twin beds. And the tube lights swing out for late reading

Inches of space along one living-room wall can hold these cupboards for games and china and guest-bed linen, shelves for favorite books

Space is the most expensive ingredient in home building today. Our grandmothers could waste space by the roomful, but we treasure space as a good cook treasures a quart of beef stock.

That's why Architect Joseph Douglas Weiss used his walls for storage when he designed his own home in Westchester County, New York.

You may not be able to lower the cost of space, but you can follow Mr. Weiss' lead and make every inch count. You'll save floor space by making your walls into storage units. Many cupboards can fit snugly against the walls; some can fit between the studding. And be sure the shelf space inside each wall cupboard is sized to fit each item you'll store, so you can use the shelves most efficiently.

If storage is your space problem, check closely these living- and dining-room storage walls from the Weiss home. You may be able to use them, too.

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Tiers of organdy curtains, frothy and sheer, soften the sunlight coming through this bay window and make a lovely setting for a desk or a conversation grouping. Liane Zimbler, decorator

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What you should know before you buy

Sheer curtains

By Pat Flynn

If you haven't shopped for sheer curtains lately, you've a big surprise coming. Chances are you'll hardly recognize your store's curtain department. The shelves now are alive with color. You'll even see sheers in printed designs. And you'll find good news on the labels: "pre-shrunk," "fire-resistant," "no ironing necessary."

Yes, buying curtains today is more fun than it used to be. But it takes more know-how. You'll have to decide which of many materials on the market will serve you best: cotton, rayon, silk, nylon, glass fiber, Fiber V, or a new fabric made from acrylic fiber. You'll also want to be able to recognize weaves like ninon, marquisette, organdy, lace, and a number of new novelty sheers.

Signs of quality

Fineness of fabric. Two fabrics of the same fiber and weave can vary a lot in quality. The more threads per inch, and the finer these threads are, the more beautiful and serviceable the fabric. You probably won't carry a microscope to count the threads, but your eye alone and the feel of the cloth can tell you which of the two materials you compare is finer. When you buy ready-made curtains, of course, you can't compare fabrics. But you can be pretty sure that curtains which show quality workmanship have quality fabric. Quality workmanship is usually not wasted on poor fabric.

Washability. Reliable makers of ready-mades clearly label their curtains for washability. Some of them go a step further and give instructions for correct laundering. If you're buying sheer fabric for making your curtains, ask the salesperson if it's washable.

Shrink-resistance. To be safely washable, the curtain you purchase should be labeled "shrink-resistant," "pre-shrunk," or "Sanforized." Labels like this assure you that the fabric will not shrink more than 1 or 2 percent.

Permanent finish. Quality sheers have permanent finishes—cottons

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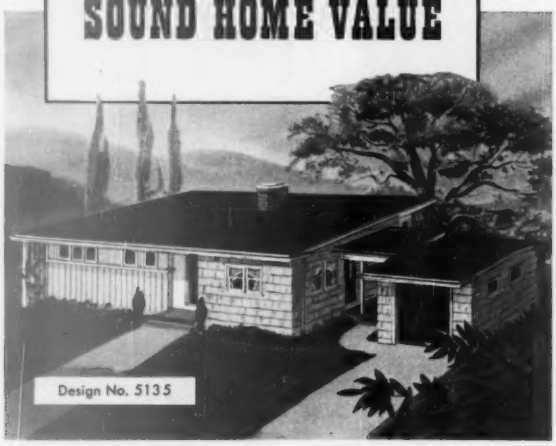

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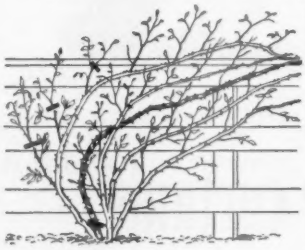
What to do with

The way your roses bloom in June can depend in large measure on the care you give them now—especially in the colder areas.

Real purpose of winter rose protection isn't to keep plants warm. It's to keep soil and plant temperatures as uniform as possible when the ground is frozen, to prevent alternate freezing and thawing. No mulching is needed until soil is frozen.

To make sure yours come through winter safely, here are basic points on pruning and winter protection to know.

Stiff-caned climber. Paul's Scarlet is most popular of the large-flowered climbing roses, has looser clusters than the ramblers. It has fewer but sturdier, harder-to-bend canes. As on ramblers, blooms are produced on 2-year-old canes developed during the previous season



Pruning. Because large-flowered climbers don't grow as many new canes as ramblers, all canes that have flowered should not be removed. Cut out scaly or diseased canes at ground level every three or four years, but only old canes to make room for fresh growth.

Cut back side shoots to the second bud on all canes. Black marks show where to make cut. Prune large-flowered climbers sparingly in spring

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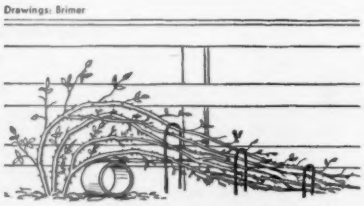


Winter protection. Large-flowered climbers should be mounded with soil—at least 8 inches deep, around the base of plants—after the first hard frost. The soil mound protects the lower part of the plant, insures against complete loss.

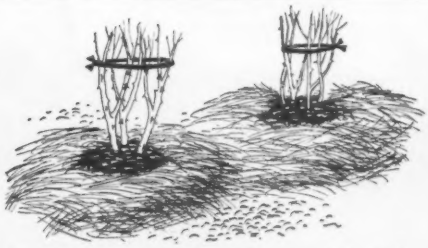
Where temperatures drop to 10 below zero, take canes from supports, bend them over a rounded object, and lay them on ground or along shelter of a wall. Tie canes together and pin close to ground with wire. Where mercury skids to 20 below, cover canes lightly with soil and mulch with straw, or leaves

your roses now

By Norman Creider

Photographs: McFarland

Dream Girl is a stiff-caned, repeat-bloom climber, with a June splurge and scattered bloom throughout the season. Protect recurrent-bloom climbers with soil mounds. Pin the canes along ground and cover them with soil in extremely cold areas. No pruning is necessary now



Hybrid teas, floribundas, and hybrid perpetuals should also be protected with an 8-inch mound of soil around base of canes in colder regions, more where the weather is severe.

Soil temperatures rarely get below 20 degrees 2 inches below the ground surface, even when the air temperatures are far below zero. You may use rock wool or other insulation instead of soil, if you like. Apply a mulch of brush and leaves between mounds only after ground has been frozen

● Shrub and old-fashioned roses need no winter protection in most areas, only soil mounding in extreme cold. Miniature roses will need a cover of soil in 10-below-zero regions, and soil cover plus mulch in colder places.

Tree roses should be laid on the ground, covered with soil, and mulched where temperatures reach 10 below. In extreme northerly areas, roots should be loosened on one side and the plants bent to the ground and covered with several inches of soil.

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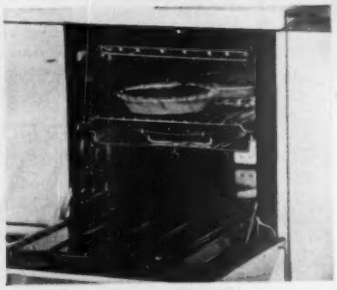

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Break up your utility room

By Mort Reed, Jr.

It took a long while, but the basementless house has now been generally accepted as a practical idea. At any rate, 40 percent of you who built homes last year decided you didn't want below-ground space.

By getting rid of the basement and moving its contents upstairs, you've taken a long step forward. But you lose almost everything you gain by putting *all* this equipment in a utility room. And almost everyone who built last year, whether with or without a basement, had a utility room.

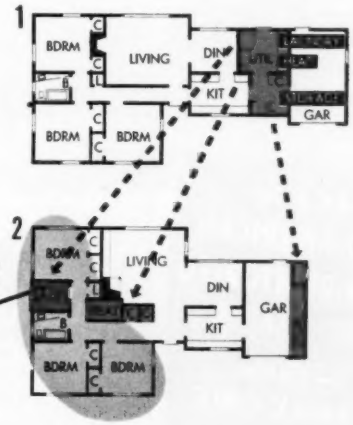
Why?

The main reasons for staying aboveground are cost and convenience. But what's convenient about jamming laundry equipment, furnace, water heater, workshop equipment, and storage space in one room—masquerading under the misnomer of "utility room."

Well, where should this stuff go?

Nearest its point of use. In that answer lies the other matter—cost. For without increasing floor space, you can take the space out of a utility room and distribute it through the house, at a saving not only in building cost but also in operating costs.

Take a look at the two floor plans at the right. Number 1 is the plan of a fairly typical three-bedroom house. It's a good plan, one that carries its traffic well, embodies the best principles of thinking today, and has a utility room between garage and kitchen, with a door leading directly outside to the drying yard and garden. In the utility room is the furnace, about as long a duct run as possible to the bedrooms Here also is the water heater, conveniently located to serve kitchen sink and laundry equipment. There is room for a washer and a dryer, even an ironer if your equipment isn't oversize. There's also room for a bench saw, if you [*Turn to page 172*



SEPARATE LAUNDRY ROOM

Separate laundry room takes no more space than laundry part of utility room, is more convenient. Equipment lines one wall in order of use; other wall space is for both clean and dirty clothes

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Are you homeless in a model house?

By Lydia Bickford

Does your house rule you and your family? Are you more interested in keeping the building you live in and the grounds around it shined and polished and trimmed than you are in having your children really enjoy their home? Do you find yourself saying "Stop!" all the time because you don't want things mussed up?

It's awfully easy to turn into that kind of a mother—or that kind of a dad. The kids come tearing in to tell you the news about the moving van down the street, and they leave mud all over the clean floor. You holler at them; they sulk away, their story untold, your nerves jangling.

Or your small daughter begs you to let her sweep the garage. You know you'll probably have to do it over again, that she'll get herself full of dust and dirt. So you turn down her offer. Go out and play, you say. Or, if you're a dad, maybe you say, "Beat it." Anyway, your expression says: "Don't bother me. The house is more important than you are."

Some people I know might win prizes for the physical perfection of their homes. But when I drop in to see them, their homes seem fragile, silent, and unreal. The windows are too clean. The woodwork doesn't show a finger mark. There's nothing out of place in the living room. Where are the children? "Oh, they're outside. They can't play in the house." If it's raining, they're upstairs. "You know I never allow the children in the living room."

How can there be any family feeling of warmth and love and understanding in such an antiseptic atmosphere? Is that what a home means? Mentally I write my friend's epitaph: "Here lies a good housekeeper. God rest her soul."

One of my superneat friends lives in a beautiful, modern Ranch house. I say "lives in," though the house actually doesn't look lived in. It looks as though it had been plucked right off the floor of a department store and put on its plot of land. On Sunday afternoons I go in hopefully and think this time, I'll find the Sunday papers strewn around the floor. Or an ash tray may be dirty. Or it might even happen miraculously that Peter would be sprawled on the floor reading the funnies.

Only it doesn't happen. Even on Sundays, with all the family at home, the house is inviolable. To start some activity, I once gave the young, preschool daughter a box of finger paints for a birthday. But it did no good. She has never gotten to use them. They make too much mess.

I'm afraid these efficient people would be horribly shocked if they dropped in on *me* some rainy day. They might find the dining-room furniture out in the hall, converted into a mountain cave with the aid of the extra blankets. They wouldn't approve of the kitten sleeping in the doll's bed in front of the fireplace.

Or the kitchen table, covered with poster paints and a damp, bright-colored scroll decorated by a boy interested in Chinese history. It wouldn't look a bit like the spotless model kitchens in the advertisements.

But who cares? Which is more important —house or family, possessions or people, the condition of your child's room or encouraging his curiosity? You don't achieve genuine family life by merely taking superficial care of your family's physical needs and giving them a "nice" place to live.

Children are quick to sense whether they are really part of the family or merely little nuisances, confined to one portion of the house, isolated from grown-up activities, told to go away when they offer to help because they might spill or drop or break something. *Of course*, housework and the yardwork go more [*Turn to page 194*

A Better Homes & Gardens Child Care and Training Feature

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IT would be easy to let the breath-taking power, the luxurious ride and the gleaming good looks of a Buick sweep you off your feet.

And once you've sampled the sweet response of Dynaflow Drive* — you feel a big lack in anything else.

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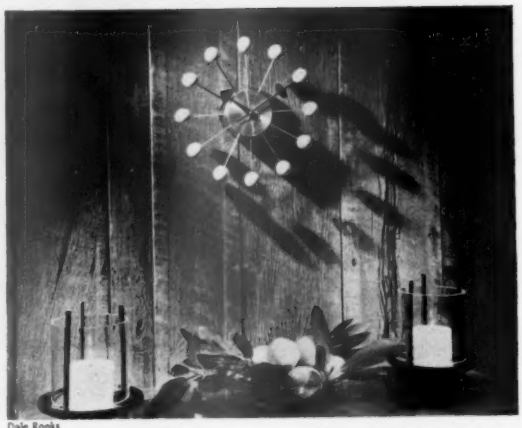
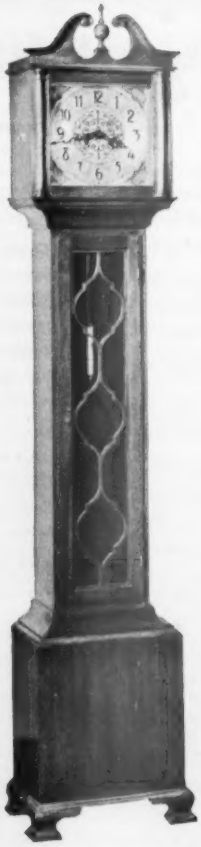


Dale Rooks

For your dining room: electric wall clock to cast interesting shadows on your wall. It has brushed-brass spokes and center, black hands, birch balls. Clock diameter is 14 inches. Costs about $30. All clocks shown subject to federal tax



For your living room: a tall, attention-getting "Grandmother" clock. It is 75 inches high, 15 inches wide. That means it can fit into the narrow wall space in the heart of your living room, needn't stand in a corner. Mahogany. Price about $150

For your living-room wall: a Provincial tole clock to hang above a mantel or group with pictures over a sofa. Flowers are gold; choose red, black, or green tole. Clock, 13 inches in diameter, is electric or eight-day winding. Costs about $24

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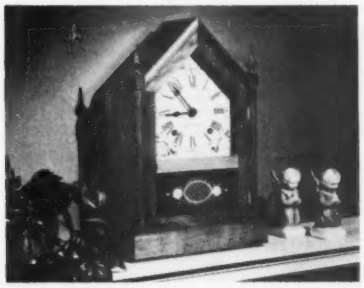
through the house

This Christmas why not treat your home and your family to a new clock?

Clocks are welcome gifts because they're both decorative and useful. And you'll find clocks to suit every taste, every budget. Some are big, some small. Some are Modern, some Traditional, some Provincial.

Here are clocks for every room in your home. Which ones do you want to give—or get?

For your hall: an electric banjo wall clock. It's small enough to fill a narrow wall, but important-looking, too; so you can group it with pictures on a wide wall. Mahogany-finished case with brass side brackets and eagle. Clock is 22 inches high and 6¾ inches wide. About $17.95



For your mantel: a steeple clock to strike the hours and half-hours during the new year. You'll find the clock in mahogany or maple finish. Clock is 14½ inches tall, 9⅛ inches wide, 4¾ inches from front to back. Electric or eight-day winding, it will cost about $42.50

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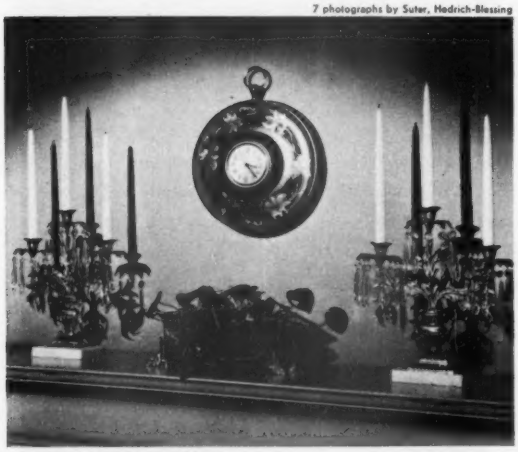

where elegance is good taste . . .

Cambridge etched crystal

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Washes, rinses and damp-dries 2-lb. loads in one compact tub. Perfect for small apartments!

Christmas all through the house

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Christmas jewel tree, studded with glitter, comes ready-made. Ceramic angels are dotted with stars. The bright nosegays of bells and bows decorate place cards and Christmas favors

← Make angel from 20-inch candle on holder. Model head from warm candle-wax. Paint face and hair with oil paint. Cut wings, arms, and robe from foil

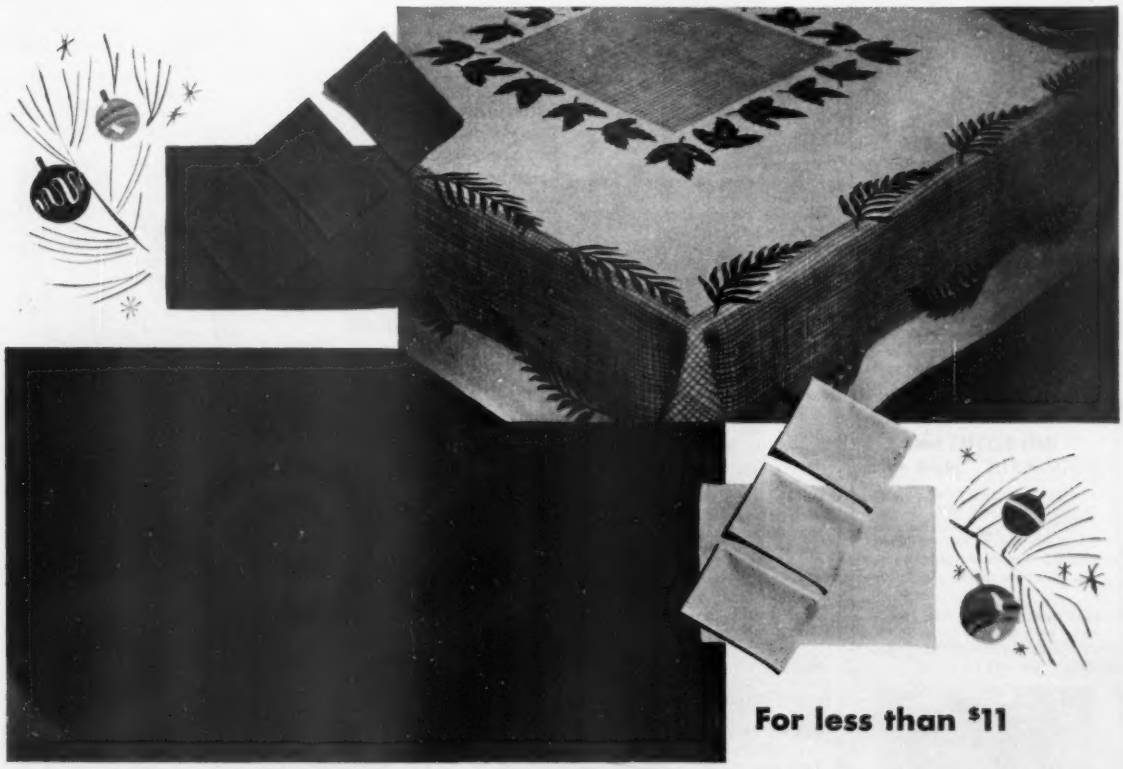
White chenille tree covered with sparkling sequins comes in three sizes, is a lovely table centerpiece. White plastic foam angels have red foil robes. The jovial Santa Claus head is a cooky jar

wonderful gift idea!

Simtex

Tablecloth Wardrobes

matkins and cloths, to mix and match as she chooses



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Any lady of the house would adore it! Make up your own color-coordinated wardrobes to taste . . . from choice of three Simtex Overtone Patterns and a wide and beautiful range of solid colors. The matkins you choose lead a double life, either as napkins or luncheon mats. All done in lustrous rayon-and-cotton China Cloth, completely washable, fast colors. At leading stores; for where write: Simtex Mills, division of Simmons Co., 40 Worth Street, New York.

Sample Simtex Wardrobe shown
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1 Simtex Overtone Print Cloth; 52 x 52 inch, about $3.50
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Four matkins in matching color, at $.49 each, $1.96
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Sally got tinsel...

Sally told her husband to get her "just anything" for Christmas. So—instead of the new carpet sweeper she needed, she got some gew-gaws. Silly Sally!

Sue got a time-saver...

Susy came right out and said, "What I need this year is a new Bissell Carpet Sweeper. Then I won't have to plug in my vacuum cleaner every time you folks spill a few crumbs!" Smart Sue—who knew it paid to have *both!*

Only BISSELL has "BISCO-MATIC"* brush action

This miracle-action brush adjusts itself automatically to thick rugs or thin, without any pressure on the handle whatsoever! It even gets the dirt under beds, where you can't press down.

New Bissell Sweepers with "Biscomatic" Brush Action as low as $6.95. Illustrated: The "Flight" at $9.95. Prices a little more in the West.

BISSELL SWEEPERS

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*Reg. U. S. Pat. Off. Bissell's full spring controlled brush.

Christmas all through the house

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Madonna. Brush dried or fresh magnolia leaves with light blue showcard paint using ordinary water-color brush. Leave bits of green or brown leaf showing through. Fasten leaves together in a fan shape with cellophane tape. Place arrangement on needlepoint holder or in a piece of plaster of paris. Put Madonna figurine in front.

Christmas caroler. You'll need red and white crepe paper, cotton, wire, cardboard, cellophane tape, a small piece of green construction paper.

Head. Cut cotton about size of walnut. Wrap in 6x12-inch piece of white crepe paper. Pull down ends for neck and wrap in a ½x2-inch band.

Arms. Wrap 12-inch strip of wire in crepe paper. Rewrap ends of wire arms to make hand with 1½ x3-inch band of crepe paper. Cover wire arms with a sleeve of 13x5-inch white crepe paper. Wrap sleeve loosely around wire arm. Fasten to neck in middle of wire with thread.

Body. Cut a 11½x11-inch rectangle from cardboard-like crepe-paper roll wrapper. Roll in cone shape. This makes base of doll 3 inches in diameter. Cut top of cone so head and arms fit into it. Fasten with cellophane tape. Wrap bottom with 4x12-inch red crepe-paper band. Paste half outside, half inside of cone. Sew head into cone base. Cut red robe 10x12 inches. Gather upper edge and fasten around neck leaving arms above. Fasten robe in back with thread.

Now cut 7x12-inch white crepe-paper vestment. Fold into four sections and cut armholes in fold near edge 1 inch from top. Gather robe at top to fit around neck. Make collar of red crepe paper, cutting it in a semicircle ½ inch x 2 inches. Paste over white vestment.

Make hair by spreading thin yellow-colored cotton over head. Dye cotton with vegetable dye.

Cut a 2½x1¾-inch piece of green construction paper for songbook. Bend hands to front at a natural angle. Glue songbook to hands.

Sweetmeat tree. You need a 1x12-inch board 36 inches long, a ¾-inch dowel 22 inches long, red construction paper, green ribbon, paint or varnish.

Cut four circular pieces with coping saw, jig saw, or lathe—one 6-inch for base, 11-inch for lower shelf, 9-inch for second shelf, 7-inch for top shelf.

Drill ¾-inch hole through the three shelves and base. Taper top of dowel pin by whittling and sanding. Glue shelves on dowel pin, each 5 inches apart. If necessary, hold them in place with a peg beneath each. Drill and insert a cotter pin, nail, or small wood dowel.

After glue sets, sand well, dust, and apply two coats of paint or varnish.

When dry, glue band of red construction paper around each shelf. Glue green ribbon bows over paper. Top with star.

Angel. Trace and cut angel pattern from cardboard.

Dimensions of angel, page 49:

Head—6 inches in diameter
Body—26 inches from neckline to lower edge of skirt
Width of neck—2 inches
Width of waist—3½ inches
Width of lower edge of skirt—16 inches
Width of fan-shaped sleeve—3½ inches inside, 6 inches outside edge
Hand—3½ inches long, 3 inches wide
Width of wing—2 inches where joined to back, 8 inches at widest point
Length of wing—16 inches.

Cut pink felt for head and hand to measurement of cardboard base. Apply with rubber cement. Cut dress and sleeve of chartreuse felt. Apply the felt pieces with rubber cement to cardboard.

Cut a curved band of fuchsia felt 16 inches long to go from neckline to back hipline. Scallop band on inside; pink on outside. Taper to points at neckline and hipline.

Cut two pinked, scalloped bands of fuchsia felt for sleeve trim and three 1½-inch pinked, scalloped bands for skirt. Place skirt bands 1½ inches apart.

Apply a row of ¾-inch green sequins with rubber cement to lower edge of skirt. Punch holes in skirt and cement a small ball in each hole. Cement one ball at back of waistline.

Cut wing of fuchsia felt. Cement on cardboard. Trim with small pinked strips of chartreuse felt. Apply balls as on body.

Cut an 8-inch circle of cardboard for nosegay. Cut scalloped and pinked 9-inch circle of chartreuse felt. Apply to cardboard with rubber cement. Fasten 3 fuchsia-colored medium Christmas balls to center of circle. Crush silver tinsel around balls. Cut felt streamers in fuchsia and chartreuse felt. Tie bows at one end. Staple or glue to circle.

Staple or glue nosegay to hand. Make hair from copper-colored scouring pad, eyes of ¾-inch sequins, mouth of fuchsia felt.

You can substitute oilcloth or any firmly woven material for felt.

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No matter how thoroughly my child
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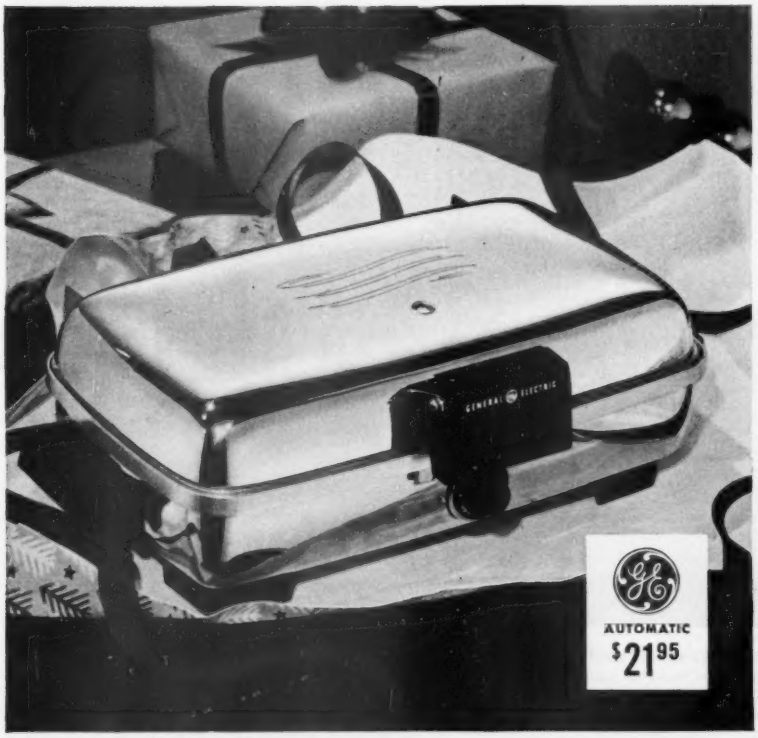
Somehow, I'm always touched to see
How forgiving and patient he is with me!

—*May Richstone*

What a Merry Christmas gift!

The beautiful GENERAL ELECTRIC COMBINATION SANDWICH GRILL AND WAFFLE IRON!



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You toast delicious sandwiches . . . make tempting, golden waffles (simply by inserting the large interchangeable aluminum waffle grids) . . . even fry bacon and eggs—*all right at your table!*

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For a wonderful *luncheon treat*, toast delicious sandwiches—*right at your table!*

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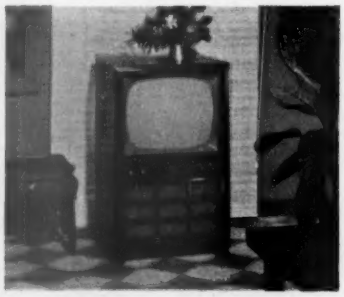
But these are only two of Philco's great advantages. The new 1951 Philcos offer you the sensational Philco Custom-Duplex Chassis which means vastly increased sensitivity, performance, and picture quality with remarkable freedom from "ghosts" and "snow," and other interference.

The new Philcos also have the famous Philco Electronic Built-in Aerial that outperforms all others by as much as 3 to 1. In up to 8 out of 10 locations, no installation is necessary.

Compare Philco point by point with any other set! Compare for picture quality...tone...design ...value. Prove to yourself that Philco Balanced Beam Television tops them all!



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TUNE IN! *Philco Television Playhouse, Sunday evenings, NBC-TV Network ... Don McNeill's TV Club, Wednesday evenings, ABC-TV Network.*

AND BEST OF ALL, A PHILCO

All dated up! *Begins on page 111*

Date-Nut Squares

3 beaten eggs
1 cup sugar
¼ cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 cup chopped dates
1 cup broken California walnuts

Beat eggs and sugar until light and fluffy; add sifted dry ingredients. Stir in graham cracker crumbs, dates, and nuts. Turn into greased 8-inch square pan. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 45 minutes. Serve warm. Top with whipped cream and a big walnut half. Serves 8. Pass salted nuts.

Layered Date Bars

1 pound (3 cups) dates, cut in fourths
½ cup sugar
1½ cups water
• • •
1½ cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon soda
½ teaspoon salt
1½ cups rolled oats
1 cup brown sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 drops almond extract
¾ cup shortening

Combine dates, sugar, and water. Cook until thick. Sift flour, soda, and salt. Add rolled oats, brown sugar, and flavoring. Cut in shortening as for pastry. Press half of mixture in greased 6x10-inch baking dish. Pour over date filling; top with remaining crumb mixture. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 25 minutes.

Date-filled Butterscotch Cookies

½ cup shortening
2 cups brown sugar
2 well-beaten eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
3½ cups enriched flour
½ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cream of tartar

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar; add eggs and vanilla. Add sifted dry ingredients; mix well. Form in roll, 1½ inches in diameter; wrap in waxed paper and chill thoroughly, or overnight. Slice and arrange half the slices on greased cooky sheet. Place 1 teaspoon Date-Nut Filling on each and top with remaining slices; press edges together with fork. Bake in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes. Makes 5 dozen cookies. Cookies may be baked without using filling. **Date-Nut Filling:** Combine 1 pound dates, pitted and chopped, ½ cup brown sugar, ½ cup water; cook until thick. Add ½ cup broken walnuts and cool.

Date-Nut Bread

3 cups enriched flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¾ cup light brown sugar
¾ cup chopped California walnuts
1 7¼-ounce package (1 cup) dates, chopped
1 egg
1½ cups milk
3 tablespoons shortening, melted

Sift dry ingredients together. Add nuts and fruit. Stir in well-beaten egg mixed with milk. Stir in shortening. Pour into greased 5½x10½-inch loaf pan. Let stand 20 minutes before baking. Bake in moderate oven (350°) about 70 minutes.

Stuffed Dates

Cream 1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine with 1¾ cups sifted confectioners' sugar. Add 2 tablespoons orange juice. Form mixture into pencillike rolls. Slice and stuff into dates. This amount fills one 7¼-ounce package pitted dates. Top each date with a maraschino cherry slice or a California walnut half, if you wish.

Date-Nut Dessert

2½ tablespoons cornstarch
¼ cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
2 cups milk, scalded
2 slightly beaten eggs
1 tablespoon butter or fortified margarine
1 teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup chopped dates
⅓ cup chopped California walnuts

Mix cornstarch, sugar, and salt; gradually add milk, and cook in double boiler till thick. Add small amount of hot mixture to eggs; stir into remaining hot mixture. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; add butter and vanilla. Cool. Stir in dates and nuts. Serve with whipped cream.

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Try lubrication. Powdered graphite—the kind used for auto locks—will eliminate many a squeak. Puff into floor cracks in vicinity of squeak. With wide cracks, try dissolved soap.

Shingle wedge. Loose subfloor boards can cause squeaks. To cure, dip tip of shingle in glue and tap between subfloor and joist at squeak. If shingle is too thick, use nail as a wedge.

Add bridge. If squeak centers between joists, add a length of 2x4 or 2x6, snug against subfloor. Fasten with 16d. nails. Then drive glue-coated shingle between crosspiece and subfloor.

Creak no more, my floor

A few nails or a shingle will silence that squeak forever

By E. R. Haun

You needn't get gray hairs worrying about those squeaks and groans from your floors and stairs. Your house isn't getting ready to fall down.

But such noises are annoying. And it will take you only a short while to put the damper on them.

Floor squeaks are caused by boards that rub against each other or against nails. They may be caused by old age, by changes in the weather, by settling of the house, or by the use of unseasoned lumber during construction.

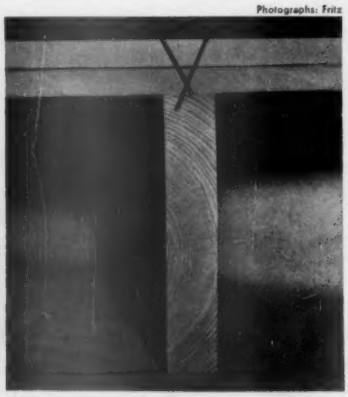
You can silence many squeaks temporarily by lubricating the point of contact. But to silence squeaks permanently, you must pin down those moving boards, whether they are in the top floor or the subfloor. Here, in photographs, are techniques to use if you want to do the job right.

Force them up. Movement in several floor boards means widespread squeaking. Nail a length of hardwood to joist, pressing against subfloor. Force up with pole set on basement floor. Don't use so much pressure you raise top floor.

Photographs: Fritz

Top-floor treatment. High-pitched squeaks often can be traced to rubbing top-floor boards. Pull boards down with 1- or 1¼-inch round-headed screws from below. Fit with washers, and drive in rows at right angles to top boards

Surface cure. If you can't get at bottom of floor, work from above. To locate joist, move a hardwood block over floor as you tap it. A higher, more solid sound indicates the joist. Joists run at right angles to top-floor boards.



"X" those nails. In squeaky areas, drive pairs of 8d. flooring nails through floor into joists as pictured. Drill pilot holes to avoid splitting. Countersink nails and hide with wood putty.

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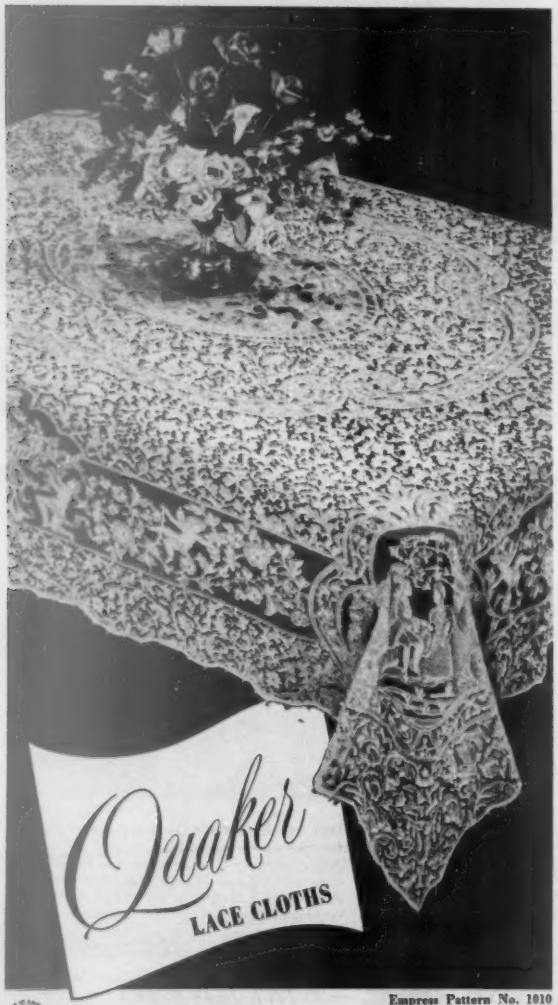

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Are we staking our future on a crop of sissies?

You have a horror of seeing your son a pantywaist, but he won't get red blood and self-reliance if you leave the whole job of making a he-man of him to his mother

By Andre Fontaine

A few months ago Randolph B. Smith, noted educator and director of New York's Little Red Schoolhouse, was in Pennsylvania station seeing his sister, her husband, and their two children, 4 and 8, off to Boston. While they were waiting for the gates to be opened, the 8-year-old spotted an escalator and raced off to take a ride. The 4-year-old ran after him.

His mother started after him to bring him back, but her husband caught her arm. "Let him go," he said, "he'll be all right."

The mother hesitated a moment, then subsided. With solemn faces and sparkling eyes, the two kids took their ride and came whooping back to their parents, delighted with their adventure. Smith, who understands a great deal about youngsters and their parents, smiled quietly.

"I doubt very much," he said later, "if that boy ever gets called a sissy. Of course, it was just a tiny incident, but it contains the elements of the whole problem of how to help a kid grow into an independent, mature man.

"My sister, you see, was exercising a mother's perfectly normal and necessary instinct to protect her children from possible harm. My brother-in-law appreciated this, but he also knew that a boy has to have chances to try things on his own, to go off on new adventures. He understood that it is a father's job to encourage his son to adventure."

Our concern lest our children—boys or girls—become sissies is so deep-seated that the eminent English anthropologist Geoffrey Gorer, after studying Americans for 10 years, called it "the overriding fear of every American parent." The psychologists, educators, sociologists, and child-development experts with whom I talked about the problem say the fears are well grounded. Millions of American boys and girls, they say, are so far on their way to being sissies that only professional help will save many of them.

There are many reasons for this—some of which go deep into the fabric of American economic and social life. Too

Every boy has to know adventure, try things on his own. He has to learn to live in a man's world. He'll never be a real man if he doesn't

many fathers are not fully grown up and self-reliant themselves. The same is true of many mothers. Too often the early years of a boy's life are dominated by women—his mother, his aunts, his school teachers. But the biggest single reason is *absent fathers*. Our industrial society has lifted fathers out of the home for 8, 10, or 12 hours a day and given them an absorbing—and demanding—life quite apart from their families.

These causes are deep and long-range, but fortunately they all don't have to be solved before a boy can grow into a red-blooded and independent manhood. Even if you are away from home all day, you can make it up to your children during the hours you are home—if you know how and really want to. It is necessary, however, to understand just what a sissy is, how he gets that way, and what you can do to prevent—or cure—it.

"A sissy," says Dr. Luther E. Woodward, psychologist and co-ordinator of the New York State Mental Health Commission, "is a boy (or girl) who gets too much satisfaction from what his mother does for him and not enough from what he does for himself."

Don't blame your wife. It's a perfectly normal instinct for every mother to try to protect her child from harm. It's also a necessary instinct, since babies are virtually helpless. But if she is to be a mother, instead of what has been recently and widely castigated as a "mom," she must balance her instinct to protect with an opposite one to let her offspring learn to look out for himself.

Otherwise she never sets him free to learn, to experiment, to feed enough on the internal nourishment of self-reliance to stand on his own feet, make his own decisions, marry a girl who will fit and round out his personality (instead of another mother), and raise a healthy, well-adjusted family of his own.

It's your job, say the experts, to help your wife achieve this balance of protecting and propel- [*Turn to next page*

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ling. And your job starts, or should have started, the very day the baby comes home from the hospital.

Give your wife complete care of your youngster for the first two years of his life, and he is well on his way toward being overdependent on her. After all, she does everything for him—feeds him when he's hungry, changes him when he's wet, comforts him when he's hurt—it's no wonder he begins to look to her for all his wants and needs.

On the other hand, if *you* help take care of the baby a little, he'll learn to look to you, too, for some of his satisfactions. And he will not have to be so completely dependent on his mother. Doctor Woodward insists that every father should "hold at least one bottle and change at least one diaper every day and give at least one bath every week," in addition to spending some time each day playing with the baby.

If you have established yourself thus early in his affections, your boy in later years will be able to identify himself with a man rather than a woman, will be able to boast, for instance, that "I'm gonna be a big man, like my dad!"

You haven't time for all this? Doctor Woodward replies, "Nonsense! Any father who works an 8-hour day is around home enough to do it." If you say that the baby is always asleep by the time you get home at night, Woodward has a simple answer: Change his feeding and sleeping times.

Helping to take care of your son as a baby is one of the two most effective ways of keeping your boy from becoming a sissy.

The other one is one you can do something about now, even if your boy's good-sized. It calls for encouraging the boy's initiative—to lead him on constantly to do more and more things for himself—which gets back to Randolph Smith's idea that a father should help the [*Turn to page 159*

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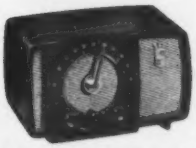

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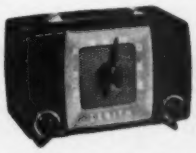

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kid to err on the side of *risk* rather than *safety*.

There was a good example of what he meant in our neighborhood a few years ago. Jerry Elwell (that's not his name; I'm sparing his blushes) had a boy, Matt, whose muscles were exceptionally well co-ordinated for his age and who was so stocky at 3 years that we called him "the keg that walks like a man." One Saturday afternoon, Jerry was sawing wood in the side yard when his neighbor came running over and said, "Hey! Do you know where Matt is?"

Jerry stopped sawing. "He's around here somewhere. Why?"

"He is not. He's about 8 feet from the top of that big oak out front."

By the time Jerry got there, half a dozen other neighbors were clustered excitedly around the tree, talking about getting ladders and ropes and calling the fire department. Jerry cocked an eye at the youngster and said, "Hey, Matt! Want a sucker?"

Matt looked down. "Yeah, Daddy."

"Well," said Jerry, "come on down and get it, then."

And he turned and walked toward the house. In about three minutes, Matt barged in and collected. Later Jerry said, "What was the sense of getting all excited. The kid knows how to climb trees —I took time to teach him. If we'd kicked up a holy show, he might have gotten scared and fallen."

One of the reasons boys stand more danger of becoming sissies today is because we're no longer a nation of farmers.

On the farm, a boy went into the barns and fields, working alongside his father. The more he learned, the more independence and self-confidence he had, because he was doing men's work.

But today most families don't live on farms. If you're like most fathers, you do your work away from home. Your boy has no chance to work with you or to learn men's skills unless you take the trouble to teach him evenings and weekends. One friend of mine who has found ways to do this with his two boys and their sister is Prof. Hans Krusa, of the New York University School of Retailing.

He started when his oldest boy, Paul, was two. He was putting up curtain rods one day, using a step-ladder. First, he taught Paul which was the hammer, the screwdriver, the pliers. Then he went up the ladder, purposely forgetting the tools. At the top he stopped. "Paul," he said, "I guess I forgot the hammer. Can't do the job without it. Will you bring it up please?"

Paul labored up the ladder while his dad waited. As they moved from window to window, he "forgot" several more times. As a result the job took about twice as long as if he'd done it without Paul's help, but also as a result when they were finished, Paul announced with great pride that "We put up the curtain rods."

"If you think a moment," Krusa said, "you find that every household job has some operation simple enough for a youngster to do—like sorting nails when you build something, stirring paint, and so on. As the boy gets older, you make his part more difficult. But you have to sell him on the idea that his part of the job is important, otherwise he'll lose interest."

Thus, when Krusa is working with cement, Paul helps mix with a short-handled hoe. And every now and then Krusa stops, looks at the mortar critically, and says, "This cement is no good; it needs more mixing." So Paul turns to with renewed vigor, and Krusa waits until he's finished—to show that the whole job depends on him.

If you help your son do things like these early enough and continuously enough, you'll never have to worry about raising a sissy. Furthermore, you'll never have trouble getting him to help out around the house when he gets older. But if you haven't and suddenly ask Johnny, aged 12, to cut the lawn, you can't, in justice, get sore when he shirks the job.

Dr. Ernest Osborne, president of the National Council on Family Relations, adds that if you'll give your kids a part in household work when they're little, you'll often be amazed at how much they know. Not long ago Osborne was having trouble with the screen door on his trailer. The door was hinged in the center so it folded back on itself. The problem was to put some kind of handle on the inside which wouldn't keep it from folding flat when it was open, and by which you could pull it shut.

He fooled with it for half an hour and got nowhere. Half-joking, Osborne asked his 7-year-old daughter what *she'd* do. "That's easy," she piped, "I'd nail a little piece of leather on the crossbar."

"In trying to do more things with his boy," said Osborne, "a father has a right to expect a certain amount of help from schools, churches, and youth organizations. For example, a couple of years ago I was in Middletown, Connecticut. The school there opened its woodworking shop certain nights to fathers *and* sons—not fathers alone or sons alone."

Fortunately some youth organizations are realizing this need more and more of late. The Y.M.C.A., for one, has a booming program aimed at answering just this need. It's called the Indian Guide Program, and it has more than 500 "tribes" in 26 states.

The whole aim is to get fathers and boys, aged 6 to 9, working together at all sorts of things—wood- and metalcraft, hiking, camping, sports.

"We're getting a tremendous response from fathers," said George Corwin, senior secretary for boys' work of the National Council, Y.M.C.A. "Their letters pour in every week—and most of them sound like a revival meeting. In fact, that's one of our problems: The fathers get so enthusiastic they want to continue the association when the boys get over the age limit.

"That's fine in one way. But when a boy is 10 or 12, he should be developing more and more interests outside the home, among others of his own age. That's when the father has to begin to let go."

But not too much, and only on one condition. If you've worked *with* your boy during the early years, he knows you like and respect him. You've been a model he could copy, and you've taught him men's skills. So now's the time to let him try his wings.

On the other hand, if you *haven't* been around enough to be a real father to him, he still has these things to learn. And you've got a tough and delicate situation to solve. The chances are that in your absence he's given his first affection to his mother. Maybe, he's even

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begun to pattern his thinking, his emotions, his viewpoint after his mother's. If so, he's pretty close to being a sissy.

A boy doesn't have to look like a sissy to be one. How do you tell?

How many times a week does your wife say, "Put your rubbers on, Johnny?" How many times a term does she go to school to "stick up" for him? How many places is he not allowed to go or ride his bike to; how many sports are "too dangerous?" How tight a leash does his mother keep on him after school hours—must he always be home or is he allowed, fairly often, to disappear on adventures of his own?

We tend to think that if a boy is big and athletic, he's O.K. But the critical question is, who makes his decisions? Often a kid who is skinny, bookish, and quiet has stubborn moral courage that makes him much more his own man.

If some of these signs tell you that your son is too dependent on his mother, what can you do to help him? One thing is sure: You can't make a head-on, bull-in-the-china-shop approach. If in an effort to "be a pal," you insist that the boy go to a football game with you when he'd rather go out and chase butterflies, you'll get nowhere. Cracks like "why don't you go out with the gang instead of going everywhere with your mother?" will only get you trouble.

You have to be careful and thoughtful about it, to find out what the boy's real interests are. A good way is to note what he asks for money for. If you can find a hobby or a sport that both you and the boy are interested in, that's swell.

If you try to use Saturday afternoon jobs around the house to get close to your son you can't allow a boy of 12 or 13 only piddling tasks like going to get the hammer or holding the ladder. You have to give him a responsible part, in planning the job and in doing it.

But at the same time, you have to consider your wife's side of things. If she has woven the kind of apron strings around her son that makes a sissy, the chances are she *needs* him pretty badly for emotional satisfaction of one kind or another. For your son's sake, you have to help him break those emotional ties, but if you do it crudely, you're liable to drive his mother into clinging even more fiercely to him. So you have to *help* her to let go.

Usually, as a boy enters his teens, his mother sees him growing away from her just at a time when she's beginning to worry about losing her physical attractiveness. This is a difficult time for any woman.

"To compensate for her loss, a husband should be a little more romantic at this time," says Smith. "I don't mean he should dash around being the gay blade, because that's probably phoney, and his wife will know it. But he should be more considerate, should remember the little touches like candy and flowers. He should reassure her of her attractiveness and the security of their marriage—maybe by recalling memories of—or re-creating—their high moments together. That way she will not need the boy so terribly."

Another way you can help your wife let go of your son is to encourage interests outside the home.

Encouraging the boy's interest in other grownups will also help him. Adolescence is the age of hero-worship—for a teacher, a coach, an older neighbor, or relative. Your boy may listen to his hero when he won't listen to you.

Not long ago Kermit Eby, then national education director of the C.I.O., quit his job and took another at the University of Chicago for less money. He was nearly at the top of his chosen career; he had power and influence; he hob-nobbed with the biggest wheels in America. Why give all that up? "Because," said Eby, "the demands of my job are so strong, I couldn't be a real father to my children. I know of no labor leader, except one, and only a handful of industrialists who have time enough to be fathers. They don't know what they're missing."

The real clincher comes from Doctor Osborne. He has a class in which are eight G.I. fathers. Seven of them have two children, the first born while they were overseas, the second born after they came home. One day they got to talking and all seven agreed that they felt warmer, more affectionate toward, and more a part of the second child. Why? Because each had helped in the feeding, bathing, and diapering of number two.

"I doubt very much," said Osborne, "that there'll be any sissies among those seven youngsters."

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Each one must find his niche in life
And test his own young powers.
We cannot carve their dreams for them,
Nor yet bequeath them ours.

So close the door, and be content
To choose your favorite chair—
We have peace, tonight, and love,
And memories to share.

— *Geraldine Everett Gohn*

Louis Z. Simpson, Designer

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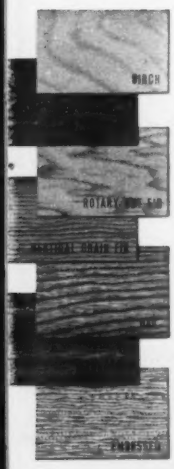

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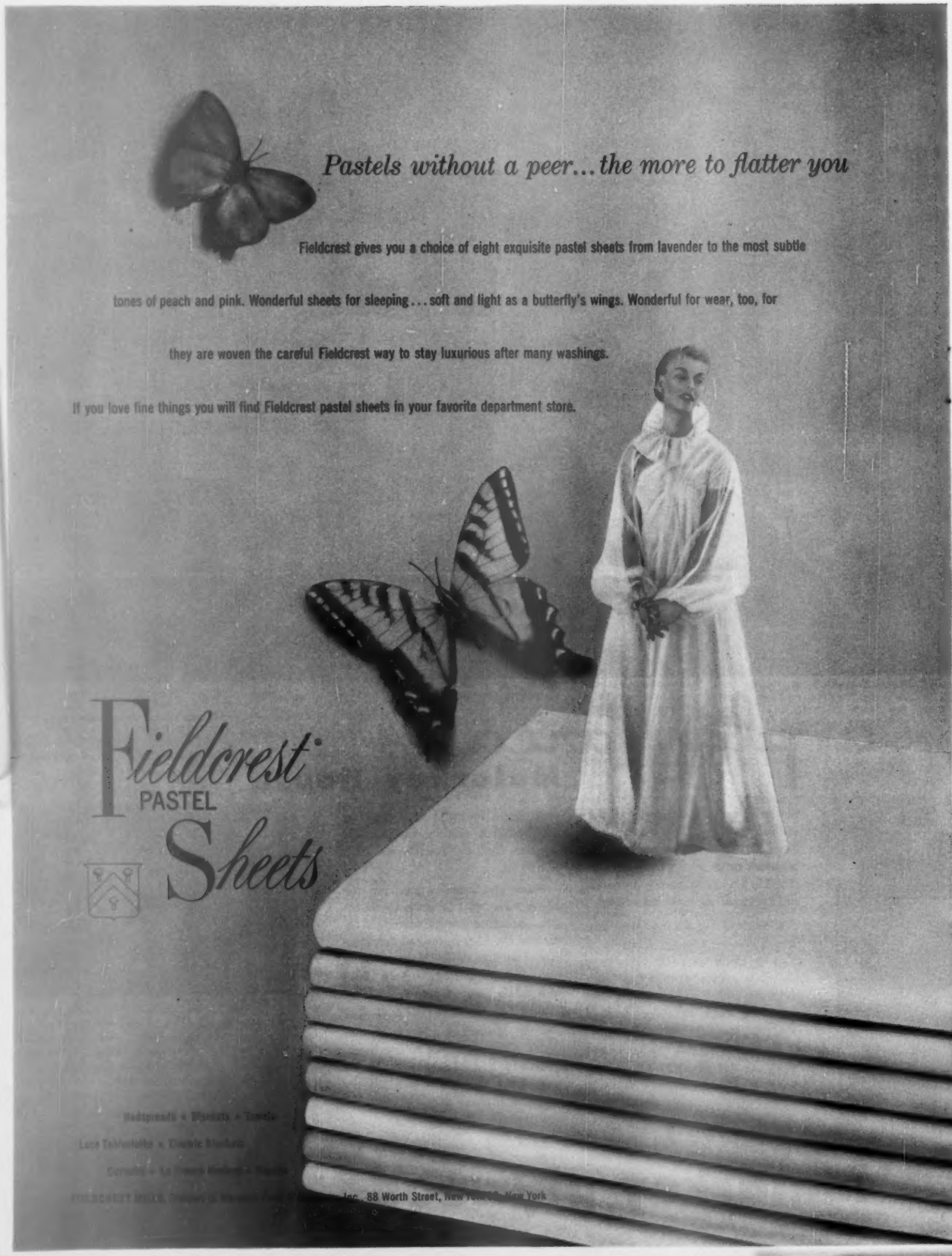
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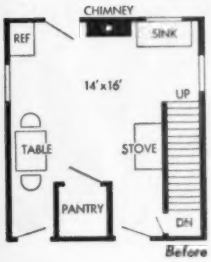
Since brick chimney could not be removed, it was made part of the decorating. Ventilating fan, above the range, is concealed by copper hood. Cornice ties together the open shelves and calico-curtained windows. Cutting board is set flush with counter top



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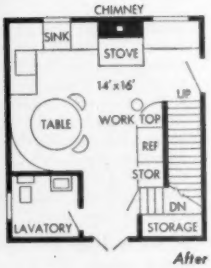

After

Blueprint for a cozy kitchen

By Polly Cramer

Calico, copper, and knotty pine give this kitchen its Early American flavor. If you're thinking of remodeling your kitchen, here are several ideas from the Dale Graces' kitchen, Terrace Park, Ohio

Photographs: Hedrich-Blessing

Dining corner of natural pine is inviting. The table top is mounted on a porch column, screwed to the floor. Hanging lamp lights this nook where folks gravitate for snacks or card games. The wallpaper is an appliqued calico quilt design

No corner is too small for a desk. Mrs. Grace fitted a menu-planning desk into this corner. The window, formerly above the sink, now provides good light for extra work space near the range. Their Dutch door replaces a window, and adds character to the Graces' kitchen

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1 cup butter or fortified margarine
2 teaspoons vanilla
¼ cup confectioners' sugar
1 tablespoon water
2 cups enriched flour
1 cup chopped, blanched almonds

Cream butter, vanilla, and sugar; add water. Add flour. Mix thoroughly. Stir in almonds. Form in crescents 2 inches long. Decorate with "red hots." Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in slow oven (300°) 20 minutes or until delicately browned. While hot, roll in confectioners' sugar. Sprinkle with colored sugar, if desired. Makes 2 dozen.

Tiny Sugared Doughnuts

Serve them fresh from your own French-fry kettle—

2 tablespoons shortening
¾ cup sugar
2 well-beaten eggs
⅝ cup milk
3½ cups enriched flour
1 teaspoon salt
5 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon nutmeg

Cream shortening and sugar; add eggs and beat well. Add milk, then flour sifted with salt, baking powder, and spices. Roll on lightly floured surface ⅜ inch thick. Cut with small, floured biscuit cutter; let stand 15 minutes; fry in deep, hot fat (375°) until brown, turning once. Drain on absorbent paper. Roll in granulated sugar. Makes 6 dozen doughnuts.

Kris Kringles

Each cooky has a cherry button—

½ cup shortening
¼ cup sugar
1 beaten egg yolk
1 tablespoon grated orange peel
1 teaspoon grated lemon peel
1 teaspoon lemon juice
1 cup cake flour
⅛ teaspoon salt
1 slightly beaten egg white
½ cup finely chopped California walnuts
9 candied cherries

Thoroughly cream shortening and sugar; add egg yolk, orange and lemon peel, and lemon juice. Beat thoroughly. Stir in flour and salt. Chill until firm. Form small balls about ½ inch in diameter. Dip in egg white and roll lightly in nuts. Place on greased cooky sheet; press half a candied cherry in center of each. Bake in moderate oven (325°) about 20 minutes. Makes 1½ dozen.

Banbury Tarts

You can eat these treats with your fingers—

½ cup seedless raisins, ground
2 tablespoons maraschino cherries, chopped
2 tablespoons chopped California walnuts
½ cup sugar
1 slightly beaten egg
1 tablespoon fine bread crumbs
1½ tablespoons lemon juice
1 tablespoon grated lemon peel
1 recipe Plain Pastry

Combine raisins, cherries, nuts, sugar, egg, bread crumbs, lemon juice and peel. Mix thoroughly. Roll pastry ⅛ inch thick on lightly floured surface; cut 3½-inch circles or squares. Place a spoonful of filling on each, moisten edges of crust with cold water, and fold in half-circles or triangles. Press edges together with flour-tined fork. Gash top of tarts. Bake on ungreased cooky sheet in hot oven (425°) 10 minutes, then in moderate oven (350°) 10 minutes. Makes 16 tarts.

Plain Pastry: Sift 1½ cups enriched flour and ½ teaspoon salt; cut in ½ cup shortening until mixture is size of small peas. Slowly add 4 to 5 tablespoons cold water, mixing and pressing ingredients together. Divide; roll on lightly floured surface.

The heart of a home

The heart of a home is the kitchen,
The heart of the kitchen, the cook.
Here pulses the life of the oven, the sink,
Supplied by the cupboard and nook.

With living room, bedroom, and bathroom the home
Is far, as we know, from complete.
The heart of a home is the kitchen. . . .
Homes die when it ceases to beat.

—*Richard Armour*

Tiny Cream Puffs

They seem extra fancy because they're so little—

½ cup butter
1 cup boiling water
1 cup enriched flour
¼ teaspoon salt
4 eggs

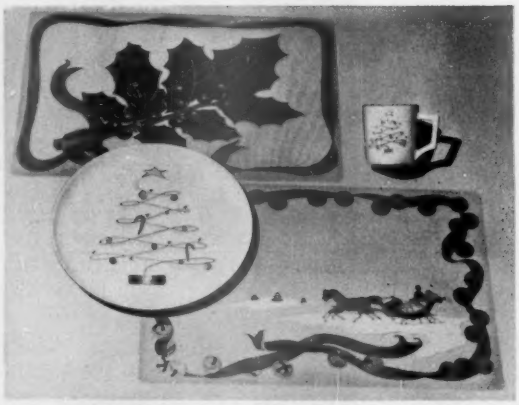
Melt butter in water. Add flour and salt all at once and stir vigorously; cook, stirring constantly, until mixture forms ball that doesn't separate. Remove from heat and cool slightly. Add eggs one at a time, beating vigorously after each addition until mixture is smooth. Drop from teaspoon, 2 inches apart, onto greased baking sheet. Bake in hot oven (450°) 15 minutes, then in moderately slow oven (325°) 25 minutes. Remove with spatula and cool on rack. When cool, cut side of each puff and fill with Chicken or Turkey Salad. Makes 4½ dozen tiny cream puffs.

Turkey or Chicken Salad

2 cups cubed, cooked chicken or turkey
2 tablespoons chopped green olives
¾ cup chopped celery
½ cup toasted almonds
2 tablespoons chopped ripe olives
2 tablespoons chopped mixed pickle
2 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
¾ cup mayonnaise

Combine ingredients; then toss lightly.

For a festive holiday table



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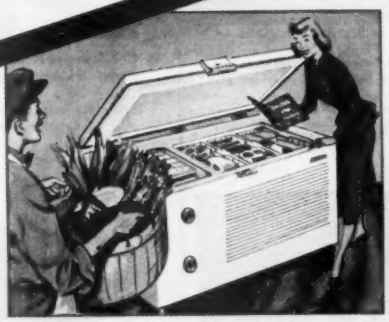

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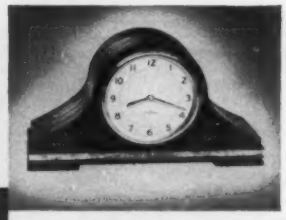
Seth Thomas Suggestions for Christmas Time!



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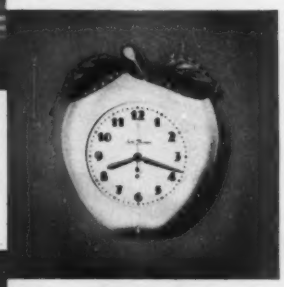

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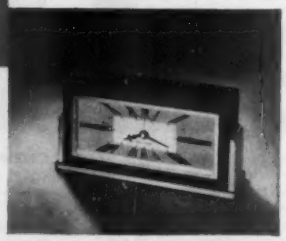

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New TOYS

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6. Jigsaw puzzle picture of eight bright odd-shaped pieces educate tiny hands

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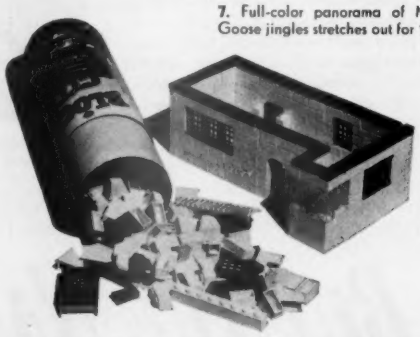

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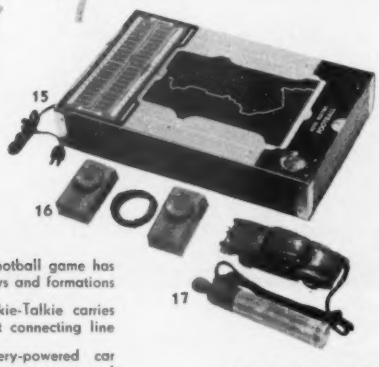

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By Pauline Graves

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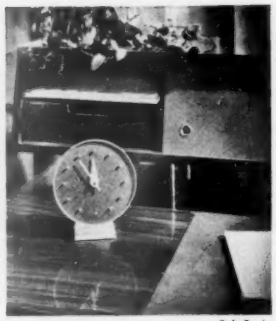

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For Dad's desk: a trim and tailored modern electric clock. The stand is wide so the clock won't tip easily. Clock is 7 inches high—just small enough to fit his desk, but big enough to be easy to read. Clock has a brown hardboard face, which sets off white case, white markers and hands. About $19.50

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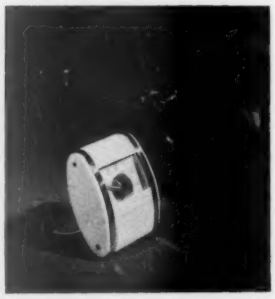

For your bedroom: an alarm clock small enough to tuck in one corner of a suitcase on weekend trips. Sliding front covers dial for safe traveling. Handy stand supports the clock or folds up against the back. Clock is 3½ inches high, 2¾ inches wide, 1½ inches deep. Ivory enamel model about $6.95

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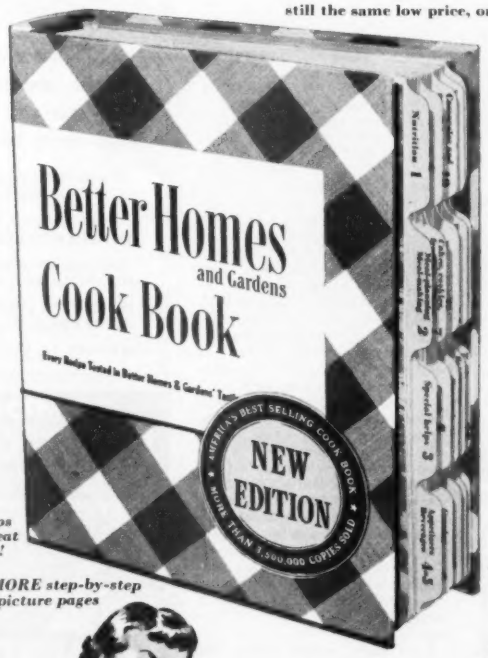

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Break up your utility room

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don't mind washing with wood chips. There is also a small closet for boots, coats, work clothes, and garden tools. Screens and storm sash hang in the garage; luggage must go in the attic, reached through a trap door over the hall.

Now compare this plan with Plan No. 2 of a house with the same basic room arrangement and the identical number of square feet of floor space. But the utility room is gone.

Color indicates how the contents of the utility room have been distributed for the greatest convenience and economy. The heating plant, for example, is as close to the center of the house as possible. As a result, ducts leading to living room, bathroom, and bedrooms—the most important rooms to heat—are short. Longest duct runs are to the kitchen which generates much of its own heat, and to the garage which requires little. In this way installation costs are kept to a minimum, and you heat your home with the greatest possible economy of fuel. On top of that, your furnace flue can occupy the same chimney as the fireplace flue, another saving. Doors at the end and side of the heater room provide access to working parts.

Laundry equipment is in a separate room next to the bathroom. It is placed there because almost all laundry accumulates in the bedroom wing—clothing, bed linen, bath towels, and washcloths as opposed to napkins, dish towels, and occasional tablecloths. You gather the laundry in the bedroom wing; you wash it in the bedroom wing; you hang it outside the bedroom wing where it destroys no view from the living room as it might in Plan 1.

You might worry about the smell from heating plant and laundry. There is none. A vent from dryer directly outdoors will keep the laundry fresh, and any slight odor from oil or gas goes out the chimney.

The water heater can go in one of two places—the kitchen or the heater room. A counter-height heater in the kitchen—they come in 30-and 40-gallon sizes—adds to your work space and puts the source of hot water close to one of its most constant users, the sink. A standing unit can fit in an extension of the heating space where it will be close to the washer, another big hot-water user.

That leaves only storage and the workshop to fit in. Storage for soaps and bathroom supplies can be built in the laundry—near their point of greatest use. Out-of-season clothing and sports equipment go in a broad closet off the hall where they are easy to get at and accessible from all bedrooms. The closet nearest the front door can be used for guests' coats, although they will probably take them into a bedroom in most cases. This closet could better be used as a utility closet for brooms, vacuum cleaner, and other miscellaneous items that need a central location in the house.

The rest of the needed storage space is in the garage, now 2½ feet wider than in Plan 1. Here there is room for garden-tool storage, opening directly outdoors. Here, too, is an out-of-the-way spot for a bike and tricycle, with high cabinets for luggage. Storm windows and screens can hang from rows of hooks above the hood of the car. The rest of the space is sufficient for a medium-sized workbench, and if your power tools are portable, you can move them into the middle of the garage when you have long lengths of lumber to work on.

All of which leads up to the fact that, in the old days, we went down with the basement. But today we say down with the utility room, too!

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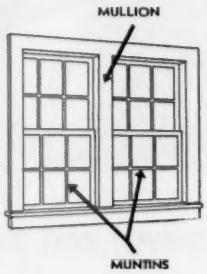

What is a muntin? A muntin is the vertical or horizontal division between two panes of glass in a window or door.

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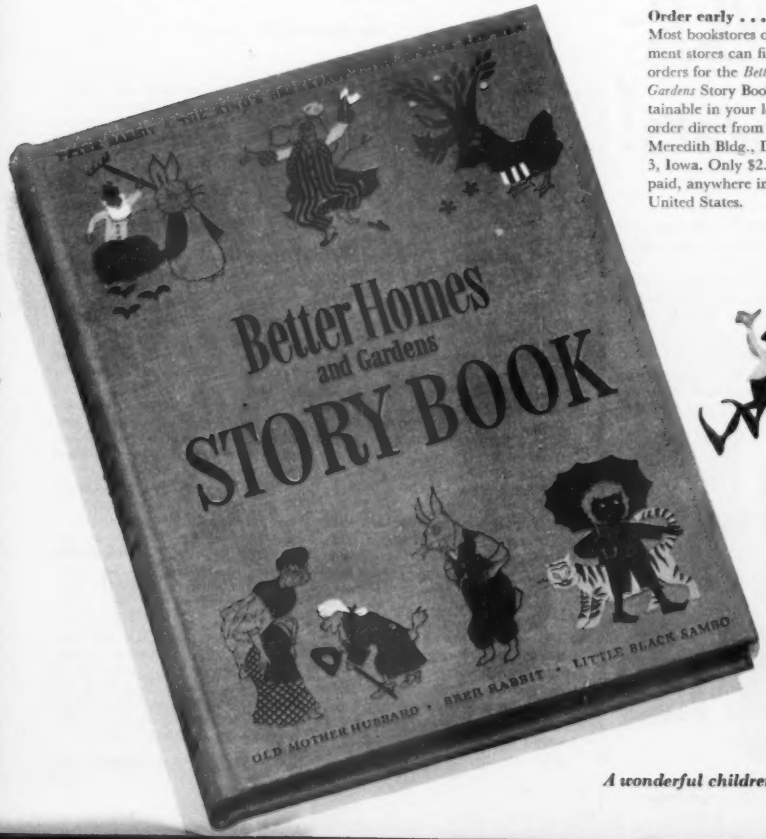

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By Russell K. Lowry

Santa promised my 4-year-old son a dog. But I understand it's a little hazardous to take on a so-called winter puppy. Is that right?—W. W. K., Virginia.

A winter pup is just as hardy as a summer one. The hazardous part rests with the new master. Pick a robust-looking animal, take it home and feed it well—and you'll have no worries. Correct feeding is about 90 percent of good puppy care.

Every so often the pads of our dog's feet turn pink. The color then goes away gradually. What's the cause?—J. E. L., Illinois.

Changes in color pigment of the skin are believed due to shock, sudden fright, or nervous disorder. The affliction, called impetigo, is dealt with very casually in books on dog diseases, indicating that not too much is known about it.

My dog was sick for 3 months before he died. He was listless, weak, walked around in a stupor, and had fits. Could he have been poisoned?—M. M., New York.

It hardly seems your dog was poisoned; practically all poisons act sooner. Strychnine, for example, kills a dog within a few minutes. He may have had an affliction of the brain, though this is only a guess. A liver or kidney ailment could also produce the symptoms you describe. Only an autopsy would have supplied the answer. Your dog's death points to the value of X-ray diagnosis at the first sign of fits. Fits are always a danger signal.

My 2-year-old female dog is very nervous. She suffers occasionally from false pregnancy. Will having her bred eliminate these troubles?—Mrs. V. K., Texas.

I hardly think the dog's nervous energy will be lessened by mating, though the responsibilities of motherhood and nursing will momentarily cut down on the jumpiness. However, the inclination to false pregnancy should be curbed by mating.

Our female Irish Setter, a year old, is going to have puppies. Is there any special care she should have?—W. A. S., Illinois.

Begin now to step up her meat supply and add ½ teaspoon of powdered calcium gluconate and 1 teaspoon of cod-liver oil to her daily ration. Also give her lots of slightly warmed milk as an early-

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morning breakfast. Keep up this diet through her whelping and nursing. Puppies need a lot of calcium, both before and after they're born.

My dog has developed some phlegm in his throat. You can hear it gurgle and gag him. His nose is also runny at times. Can you tell me what this is and what to do for him?—Mrs. W. C. F., Indiana.

Your dog would seem to have a chronic bronchial condition. Nutritious food, regular eliminations, and dry sleeping quarters out of a draft will hold down the activities of bronchial bugs, as they do in humans. Good food, to keep the dog in top condition, is the number-one weapon. A few veterinarians have experimented successfully with cotton-tipped nose applicators dipped in an argyrol-adrenolin solution and with penicillin drops applied in the nose. In extreme cases, such trouble brings on bronchial pneumonia.

Our 3-year-old Dalmatian has a very fine coat. However, she sheds constantly, and it is a nuisance. What can be done about it?—A. M. B., Massachusetts.

Biggest cause of shedding is the too-high indoor temperature we humans require for comfort. Too high for the dog, that is. This dries out skin oils, makes hair hard and brittle. When the dog moves, the hairs break and fall. Too much bathing has the same result. Do what you can to eliminate these causes, and the dog's coat will "tighten up."

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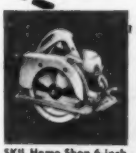
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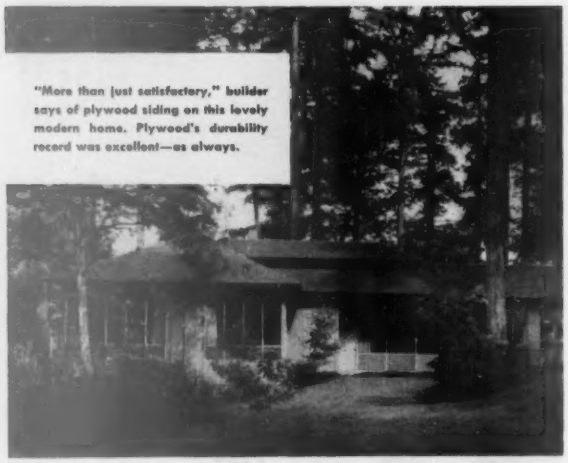

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What to do with your roses now

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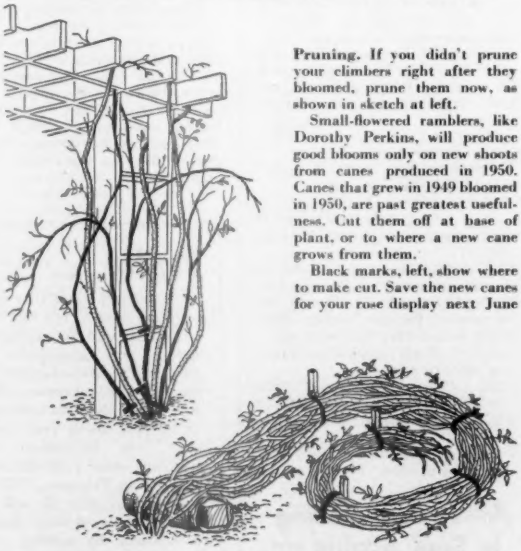

Pruning. If you didn't prune your climbers right after they bloomed, prune them now, as shown in sketch at left.

Small-flowered ramblers, like Dorothy Perkins, will produce good blooms only on new shoots from canes produced in 1950. Canes that grew in 1949 bloomed in 1950, are past greatest usefulness. Cut them off at base of plant, or to where a new cane grows from them.

Black marks, left, show where to make cut. Save the new canes for your rose display next June

Winter protection. Willowy-caned ramblers have 15 to 20 canes. Take them from support, bundle together, and tie with cord. Place a brick wrapped with burlap or rounded object against the base so canes don't break. Coil canes gently, lay them on the ground, and fasten with stakes.

In severe areas, cover the canes with several inches of soil now; follow with waterproof covering when soil is frozen. In milder regions, shade the canes with a piece of beaverboard weighted with rocks. Be sure to cover canes especially at base

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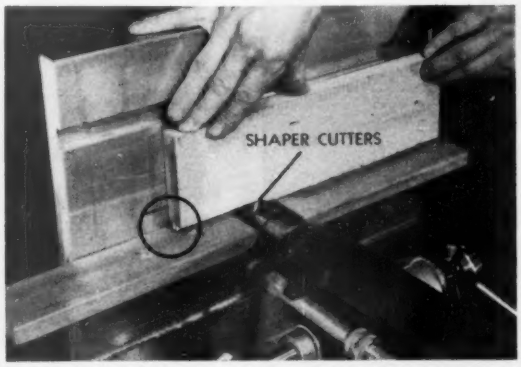
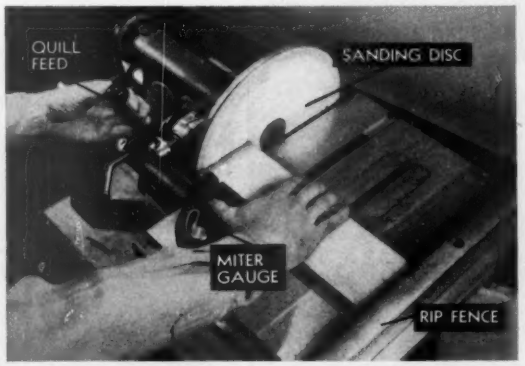


Shaped edges. Special cutters for shaping edges are installed just as the jointer cutterhead. With them, you can shape moldings or special curves on edges of boards or furniture parts. Here, tongue is shaped for tongue-and-groove joint. You can do shaping and jointing with machine either horizontal or vertical, whichever is easier.

Drum sanding. Surface dressing of boards is done rapidly when you put a drum-sander attachment on the spindle. Rest work on the saw table. Take light cuts, cranking table up slightly after each pass until you reach the point where board is the desired thickness.



Finish-sanding. Hair-fine precision is possible when you finish-sand many duplicate pieces. Set saw table beside a sanding disc, and lock fence in place as stop. Set stop nuts for length desired. Use quill feed to advance sanding disc into work until nuts halt it. Gauge holds piece at proper angle.

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Power workshops

Lathe. Powerhead (left) becomes headstock and end casting (right) becomes tailstock when machine is a lathe. But instead of squeezing work from tailstock, you use drill-press quill in headstock to do job. Tool-rest post locks in carriage. Crank-operated speed changer at left of powerhead is accessory; it gives you quick speed adjustment.

Mortising. You can use machine in either the horizontal or vertical position for cutting mortise slots. In position pictured, chips clear themselves from work most readily. When you mortise larger pieces, as a door for a lock, shift the machine upright. Let work rest on a level floor, and use saw table tilted upright as the side guide.

Horizontal drilling. Wide boards being drilled for edge-doweling are hard to support upright. Instead, you can use the machine as a horizontal drill press. With the rip fence as a stop and guide, you can drill dowel holes with great accuracy. In the same position, you can drill dowel holes in the end of long board. Guide work with miter gauge, and use a clamp to hold it against drilling pressure.

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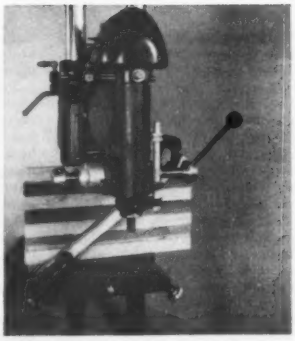
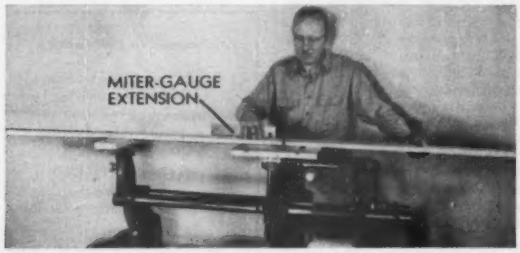


Gluing press. You can turn your machine into a gluing press for a panel made up of narrow strips. Lock carriage on ways, assemble strips, then clamp stiffening boards on to prevent buckling. Clamping action comes when you unlock powerhead and let it slide down, squeezing joints together. Leave powerhead unlocked.

Sawing wide boards. Small, slotted extensions can be clamped to the edge of the saw table. In effect, they increase the depth of the saw table, so you can cut wide boards accurately. An extension allows the miter gauge to slide farther away from saw blade, while still guiding the work precisely.

Sawing large panels. You do any normal sawing—cross-cutting, ripping, and mitering—as on any circular saw, using miter gauge, rip fence, and tilting table. For outsize work, set extension table at same height as saw table. It serves as a rest for the panel. You can feed work freehand. On a narrow cut, use rip fence as guide.



Sawing long boards. Cross-cutting of long boards is no struggle. Let extension table support long end. Then add a long, wooden extension to the miter-gauge face to forestall pivoting as board is fed through. Near end of cut, keep a firm grip on board, so the weight doesn't swing board free too soon and split it, leaving ragged edge.

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What you should know before

and rayons, so they won't fuzz up and go limp when washed; nylons, so they'll have crispness. Fabric with a permanent finish may cost a little more, but appearance and durability are worth it.

Colorfastness. Now that brilliant fashion colors have invaded the sheer-curtain field, colorfastness is more important than ever. Many dyes used in sheer curtains are fast to washing. However, none can be guaranteed colorfast to sunlight. Direct sunlight will fade almost any dye eventually. Check the label and consult your clerk about colorfastness of sheer curtains you plan to buy.

Good tailoring. If you're going to buy ready-made panels or ruffled curtains, look for straight hems; square corners; fine, even stitching; and wide, full ruffles.

Materials to look for

Cotton sheers are lovelier than ever. Pre-shrinking and permanent finishing mean they'll keep their size and will stay crisp and fresh longer. But be sure of what you're buying. Cotton is used in some of the poorest as well as some of the finest sheer curtains. The price can range from 15 cents for narrow, poorly finished marquisette to $3 and more per yard for imported eyelet muslin. Cheap cottons are not worth even the low price you pay. Fine cottons, on the other hand, will keep their shape and good looks through many careful washings.

Rayons make a sheerer fabric than cotton, and they drape gracefully. They are today's most popular fabric for glass curtains in living and dining rooms. Like cotton, rayon (whether acetate or viscose) is only as good as its finish. To make sure the curtain you buy keeps its size, shape, and beauty, select one that is pre-shrunk and has a permanent finish. (Cheap rayon sheers may shrink beyond use in a single washing.)

Nylon has made possible a curtain without many of the faults often associated with sheers: Well-made nylon fabric won't shrink or sag; it wears well; and doesn't have to be stretched or ironed (though many women say that pressing with a slightly warm iron improves nylon's appearance). Nylon absorbs little moisture, is not weakened by mildew. If your live in a damp climate, make sure any finish used on the nylon is similarly unaffected. Properly finished nylon curtains will not catch fire, but they will melt at high temperatures. Nylon curtains are available ready-made or through your store's drapery workshop. Many stores will sell you nylon fabric by the yard.

Glass fiber fabric drapes softly like silk, rayon, or nylon. This material is resistant to mildew and won't shrink, stretch, sag, or burn. Biggest advantage of glass fiber from homemaker's point of view is its washability. Manufacturers claim it can be hand-washed, hung at the windows, and dried in seven minutes. No ironing is necessary.

Silk, long the queen of fabrics for clothes, holds a similar place in the curtain world. Some decorators feel that the graceful drape and luster of silk are unmatched by man-made fibers. Since silk has natural resistance to shrinkage, it's combined with cotton or rayon in some new fabrics.

Linen has returned to the curtain picture with revival of theatrical gauze. Chief advantages are its crispness, luster, and ability to be dyed brilliant colors.

Acrylic fiber may be new to you, but you'll be hearing more about it under a shorter trade name. Born in the same laboratories that created nylon, this fiber shares most of its sister fiber's virtues. It has excellent draping qualities and a luxurious luster. It will resist damage from smoke, fumes, salt air, and radiator heat. Most outstanding quality is its resistance to that old enemy of curtains: strong sunlight. As for washability, the makers of this new fabric claim that its looks will improve every time you wash it.

Fiber V is even newer than acrylic fiber. It's so new, in fact, that you probably won't find it in your stores for many months. Fiber V looks and acts like nylon and acrylic fiber, but it is not chemically related to them. It's so young that even its manufacturers are still learning what it can do.

If you plan to make your own curtains, cotton or rayon fabrics are easiest to handle. Curtains of nylon and acrylic-fiber fabric can be sewed at home if your store carries these materials for home sewing. Use nylon thread and follow the procedure recommended for sewing nylon. Unlike any other fabric, nylon should be cut straight across the material *without* following the thread.

Weave is important, too

Once you've decided which fiber will give you best service, you have still another choice to make:

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you buy sheer curtains

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What *weave* do you want? For example, let's say that you have decided on rayon. Your salesperson may show you rayon marquisette or rayon ninon; lace, organdy, or frosted net made of rayon; novelty fabrics that combine rayon with cotton or silk. Before you choose fabric, you'll want to know what each weave can offer you.

Marquisette is an open-weave fabric that looks like a fine net. It's available in all fibers we have mentioned, but seldom in silk or linen. And you'll find it in most stores in the full range of bright and dark decorator colors as well as in pastels, ecru, and white. The open weave of marquisette makes it extra sheer; it's ideal for covering large expanses of glass when you want privacy without completely hiding a view.

Ninon (pronounced "nee-non," not to be confused with nylon) is a voile-like weave. It's available in rayon, nylon, and acrylic-fiber materials in a full range of colors. A finer weave than marquisette, ninon is less sheer and cuts glare at windows in rooms that receive strong sunlight.

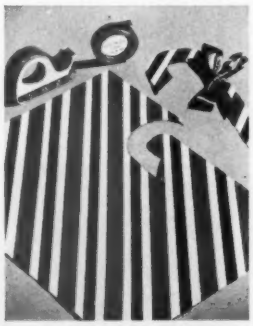
Lace is probably the oldest fabric used for sheer curtains. Time has made changes in lace, too. Today's lace curtains are available in rayon and nylon as well as cotton. And they have the benefit of new, permanent finishes to help them hold their shape and make them easier to wash. To keep pace with modern interiors, lacemakers have introduced tinted laces in simple geometric patterns. Extra-wide panels are manufactured for picture windows.

Organdy is a crisp, translucent fabric. It lets in light but not a view. White organdy curtains have long been favorites for every room from the living room to the kitchen. Today they're enjoying new popularity in brilliant colors as surprising as lipstick red and hunter green. You even can have printed organdy if you wish. Organdy is made from cotton, rayon, or nylon. Organdies vary from cheap ones that will lose their finish in the first washing to expensive imported organdies. American organdies with permanent finish are crisp and serviceable, even if not quite so fine as costlier imported goods.

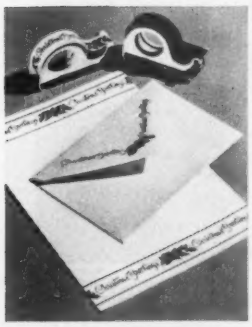
Voile—muslin—dimity—all these lightweight cottons are similar, varying slightly in weave and finish. They are all about the weight of organdy, but are softer and less crisp. You may choose from plain, textured, or eyelet patterns. (Many of the finest embroidered pieces are imported.) White is most common, though some pieces also come in pastels.

Novelty sheers are so varied that we won't attempt to describe them all. Here are two of the most popular: *Frosted* or *ratiné net* is a sort of coarse marquisette made with bouclé yarns. It has a nubby, textured look, yet is sheer enough for glass curtains. It's available in a full range of pastel, bright, and deep colors. *Print sheers* are news, too. Or you may like a metallic stripe.

You can decorate with Christmas tape



Candy canes. Place glossy, green-and-red cellulose tape diagonally across thin cardboard as shown. Then cut canes from cardboard; tie each with a bright bow. Use the canes for tree decorations and on packages



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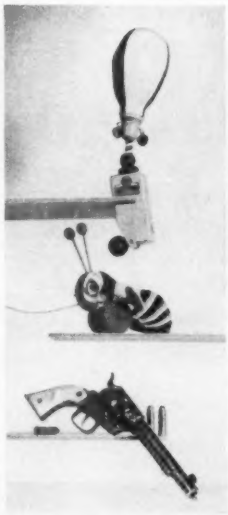

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Sow hardy flowering annuals in the Middle and Upper South; you may take a chance with half-hardy ones, but it's worth the risk because of good success from early plants. This is the best time to plant sweetpeas.

Plant ryegrass in Florida, but it's too early to start new lawns elsewhere. Keep old lawns mowed regularly and give a feeding during the month.

Plant ornamental trees, shrubs, and fruit trees. Grapes should be planted as soon as possible.

Central-East

Use Christmas lights on fir, pine, and spruce trees; avoid using lights on hemlock and yew. Lights should not touch needles on evergreens—serious damage might result.

Shake snow gently off evergreens, but don't try to remove ice. Prevent breakage of viburnum tops by tying them together. A load of snow may cause damage because tips are brittle.

Set bulbs of the Paperwhite narcissus in gravel and water now for February bloom. Place in a cool, dark room until a strong root system is formed. Then bring into the light for blooming. Plant bulbs until the soil freezes, if necessary.

Store vegetables between 32 and 42 degrees.

Texas-Southwest

Water plants well as soon as the weather forecast is for a cold wave; watered plants withstand freezes better.

Plant Spencer varieties of sweetpeas this month for best results. Plant ranunculus and anemones now—no deeper than two inches.

Dig dahlias as soon as they're dormant. Cut stalks to within an inch of the tubers, and allow tubers to dry a short time before storing them.

Prune and shape vitex, altheas, and similar shrubs.

Pacific Northwest

Wash leaves of such house plants as aspidistra, rubber plant, and sansevieria twice monthly.

Repair paths, trellises, and fences before rains soften ground or low temperatures harden it.

Stake and tie all newly planted trees and shrubs. Apply a mulch over the ground around them.

Pick late apples and pears before danger of frost.

California

Plant sweetpeas; treat seed with a disinfectant dust.

Sow seed of such annuals as California poppies, scabiosa, candytuft, and linaria.

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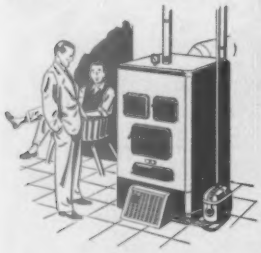

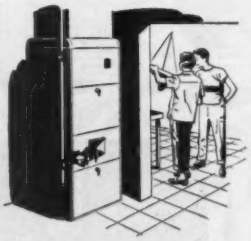

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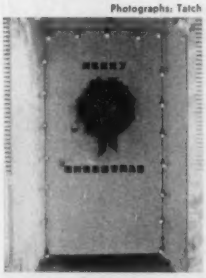

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The diary of a plain dirt gardener

By Harry R. O'Brien

To keep everybody happy, I stopped at a nursery on the way home, and we did buy ourselves a live Christmas tree, which we decorated in the usual spot

Dec. 1 Bright, shiny, chilly, and here I be, with a touch of flu or something as hangover from the trip that Maggie and I made just recently up to Chicago. Took medicine regular like, and mebbe I've licked my trouble.

Anyhow, nary a bit of work was done outdoors, other than to slip around with a fresh supply of feed for the birds. And great was my reward. Toward evening, Maggie called for me to come and see. There was the first downy woodpecker of the season, having a hearty meal of the suet in the rack that hangs down from a limb on the big lilac bush outside the east dining-room window.

Dec. 2 I had the itch today—that is, the itch to get outdoors and get busy. My cold or flu is practically gone. But, says I to myself, I'll just convalesce for a day and take it easy some more. That's hard to do, with so many outdoor chores that call.

Dec. 3 Now out in the garage is a box of new roses which came some days since, but unplanted, having come while I was away. Delayed some more while I took pills to get over my wheezes and sneezes. But at last here is a sunny Saturday afternoon. No football game on the radio. And feeling well as common again.

The day was somewhat chilly and windy, but I dug holes for the box of new roses which came while I was away

So while David labored at getting out ashes, I did set to work to dig holes for the roses. The ground is still mild and mellow—ideal for working and planting. The day was somewhat windy and chilly but above freezing, and I was all bundled up.

Believe it or not, I had a hard time digging those holes. I haven't been working lately, and I'm getting sorta soft. So I'd keep stopping and resting aplenty. In due time, I had 15 holes dug—but there were 18 roses in the box.

Well, I got the 15 planted. After they were in, I heaped up soil over the tops, in the same way I've been hilling up the roses already growing in the beds.

Of these roses, two were bushes of Caprice, a new hybrid tea introduced not long since, that I want to try. All the rest were floribunda types—including two plants each of Frensham and Red Pinocchio, that I haven't had yet. Others were varieties I already have but want more of—including Little Miss Muffet, Bouquet, Crimson Rosette, Alain, and Red Ripples.

Just between us, the roses for folks to buy and plant are the floribundas. They are, in general, more hardy, more resistant to black spot, and they bloom practically all the time.

It may sound like too late hereabout for planting roses—but not so. It can be done just as long as the ground isn't frozen and not too wet. Some of the best roses I have were planted about 12 years ago a week or more later than this. Those bushes are still flourishing. Today, too, was ideal—much better than putting them out in the mud of early spring.

After David got the ashes out, he took a turn at covering up some more of the other roses for winter, a job we're working at by spells. Then he hauled bales of straw alongside the strawberry bed and the new iris bed for winter mulching. It still isn't time to put on this mulch. I don't like to spread the straw until the temperature is down to around 20 and the ground is frozen.

Dec. 4 Here it is Sunday, and while Maggie was busy getting dinner in the kitchen, I slipped outdoors in my old duds and planted those three other roses.

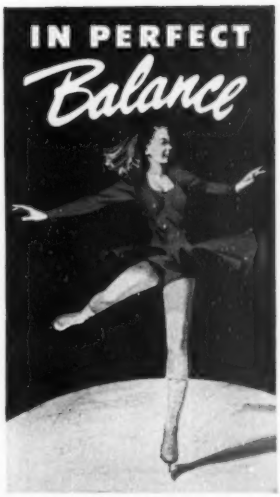
Maggie has an early Christmas gift—a potted African-violet handed in to her by a friend who grew it herself

Sure, I know it was wrong. But as I said to Maggie after it was done, "Maybe this will be the last good day for rose planting until March 19."

As we sat at the table, dinner about finished—bless my soul—company arrived, totally unexpected. A whole flock of company. It was the little chickadees, back once again. First we've had so far. But there were sunflower seeds in the box just outside the dining-room window. There was suet in that rack nearby.

So while we dined inside, the little critters had their meal outside, and did a lot of talking about it, amongst themselves. And scolded when Scratch, the dog, stood inside the window and watched them.

By the way, to find room for my new roses, I had to dig up and



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throw away a few of my old. One was an old bush, considerably decrepit, that was nearly 20 years old. It was an obsolete variety that I don't suppose any nursery in the country propagates any more. Several were a lovely pink variety that is loaded with black spot every summer, just about the worst for this on the place. A third was a red ditto.

To tell you a secret, I already have my name in the pot for some more new hybrid teas that will be shipped next spring. It is just foolish to fool along with some of the old ones that aren't nearly as good as these new ones.

We're just about where we were last year—neither rich nor poor—and a long list of things to be done soon

Dec. 8 Maggie insisted on going along downtown today. I could see that familiar gleam in her eye. Christmas shopping—and you couldn't keep her home with steel chains. So while she roamed the store aisles, I took time out and bought my own Christmas present—three in fact.

Item 1—a big pair of bib overalls to go over a suit, for winter work. Now I'll have something to wear while the old pair is washed. Item 2—big overall coat to go on over said overalls and suit. Item 3—a new pair of heavy garden shoes, since my old ones, mebbe seven years old, have sprung seams.

Dec. 10 Nobody knows why the day began with sleet and icy glare on streets. I can jolly well tell you why it was stormy weather inside the house, though. It began at breakfast.

"When are you going to get the live Christmas tree?" asked Maggie over the coffee.

"Never," says I. "We'll just not have any tree this year and save the money." Whereupon I saw dark looks from rest of the family and had to listen to a right snappy oration from Maggie.

All three must have a Christmas tree, just as back 20 years ago, when the boys were little tots and awaited Santa Claus.

Dec. 12 Once again my jolly old birthday comes—with usual family routine in consequence. But there was also a birthday present from one of our local seed stores, in appreciation for all the years I've bought there and sent my friends there. It was two dozen narcissus bulbs, still unsold on the counter—and the selling season by now over.

It was a welcome gift at that, for I know that narcissus bulbs can still be planted hereabout just as long as the ground isn't frozen.

Dec. 18 Hurray—Maggie has one Christmas present ahead of time. Some friend in the community—whom apparently I don't know—rang our doorbell this a.m., and handed in to her a potted African-violet which she had grown.

Dec. 23 To keep everybody happy, we stopped at a nursery while driving and did buy ourselves a live Christmas tree. We hauled it home in the back of the car. From then on, things proceeded toward decorating tree in the usual spot.

Dec. 25 There was my big bundle of garden duds under our tree this a.m., along with a box of cigars from the boys. As we drove toward the home of my brother and family for our usual clan dinner, the most notable holiday sights were hundreds of houses with television antennae up above. The more humble the home, the bigger the contraption.

Dec. 28 Spring is here. Thermometer flirting around 70. So out once more and rassled a bit at covering up more roses. I managed a few more, and first thing I was huffing and puffing. Besides, it was getting dark, which was a good thing for me.

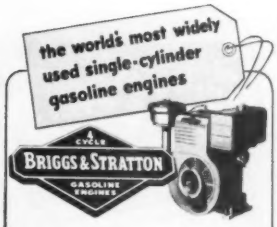
Dec. 29 Well, sir, I'm in dutch with the family. The salesman at the furniture store called me on the phone. That set of table and chairs I've had my eye on has been marked down 33⅓ and is to go into a sale. With Maggie frowning and the boys yelling not to do it, I told him I'd take it.

And—land sakes—what terrible thing have I done? They make everything else in the living room look old, faded, shabby, dull, and scratched. Maggie is singing a dirge. We'll have to have the davenport and other chairs recovered.

Dec. 30 Spring outdoors still. By another week, dandelions will be blooming.

Dec. 31 Here I be, sitting at the typewriter, waiting for the year's end. David's gone to a party. Donald said he was going to his lab to take inventory. But I notice he slicked up and put on his Sunday duds. Maggie is still puttering around the kitchen.

At this minute I should solemnly be working hard at casting up the family financial statement for the year about gone. But shucks—I know we are just about where we were last year—neither rich nor poor. I could make out a long list of things that didn't get done this year. Guess I'll just go down to the living room and smoke my biggest pipe. See you next year, folks.



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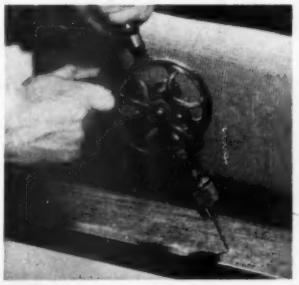
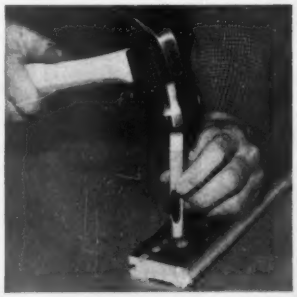


Nail treads down. Most stair squeaks result from a tread rubbing against riser below or stringer at one end. Drill pilot holes to form wide V's and drive 10d. flooring nails. Measure from edge of tread to make sure nails will go into riser. At end of tread, drive nails into stringer.

Or use screws. If nails don't stop squeaks in stairs or floor, use 2-inch flathead screws. With bit the size of screwhead, drill hole deep enough to set head well below surface. Then drill hole for screw body just through tread or top floor. If riser is of hardwood, drill pilot hole smaller than thread end of screw. Coat threads with beeswax and drive the screw.

Hide screw. Use boat plugs, homemade or from a marine supply house, to hide screwheads. Grain runs across ends, so you can match plug to tread or floor. Coat plug with glue and tap it in. Trim flush with chisel and sandpaper; match with stain.



Making plugs. To make boat plugs, drive a sharp, hollow punch into hardwood that matches tread or floor. Rock punch to loosen it, and plug. Drive plug from punch with a short dowel. Use a 5/16-inch punch and the same size auger bit to drill for the plug. That will house a No. 7, 1½-inch screw. Check fit.

Tighten wedges. If underside of stairway is accessible, you often can stop squeaks by tightening loose wedges between treads and stringers. Coat wedges with glue; drive them in; nail them there. Working from below, you can also draw a tread down onto riser with a corner bracket and short, fat screws.

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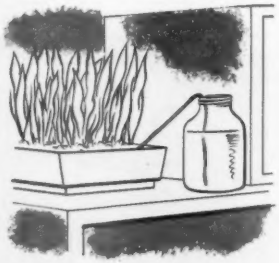
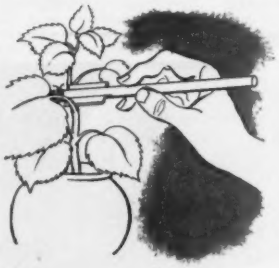


Don't bother your friends. To make sure your house plants get water while you're away for the holidays, slip one end of a wet, soft, large cord in moist soil near the plant, the other end in a jar of water. Capillary action will keep the soil and roots moist.
Albert Montgomery, Cleveland, Ohio



Make a trimmer. You can do a better job of trimming leaves or old blooms from your house plants with this easily made tool. Split the end of a dowel or straight piece of twig, and insert an old razor blade. To make the trimmer rigid, glue and tape the end.
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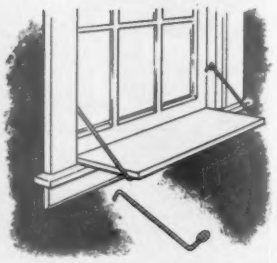

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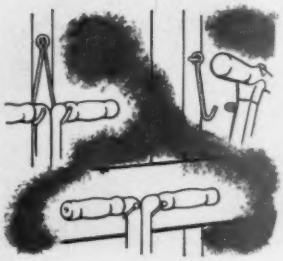

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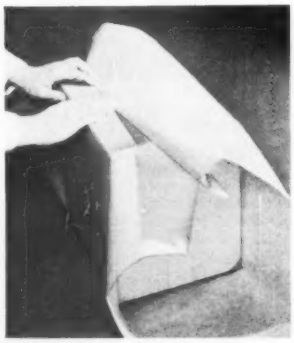
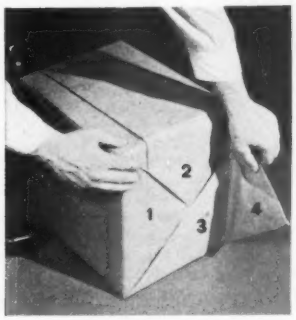
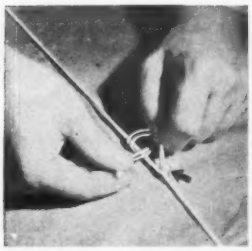


Reinforced edge. Ever since parcels were invented, people have been bundling them up with paper and twine, but mistakes are still common. When you start to wrap, fold under the overlap of the top as pictured; the fold keeps the edge of the paper from catching and tearing. Pull paper tight, and hold with tab of cellophane tape until you tie it.



Folding ends. When you fold in ends of wrapping paper, follow sequence indicated in picture. It leaves only tough, folded edges of paper exposed. Catch last point with a bit of cellophane tape until you finish tying. To stretch wrapping paper, overlap two sheets; fasten with gummed-paper tape. Keep the tape side on the inside.



Tying. To get full strength from doubled twine, cut it to length first. Then work with two strands as though they were one. Simple looped knot is adequate if you first knot end of cord so it can't pull through (arrow, left). Slip opposite end through loop, pull tight, and hold with pair of half-hitches (left). Where one length of twine crosses another, loop as pictured (right) instead of tying.

The finished package. All wrapped and tied, or sealed with gummed tape, parcel is ready for addressing and mailing. Cellophane tape over address will keep it legible. You may insure it if you like. Parcels going to foreign countries must be box-wrapped, tied, and bear declarations on post-office forms as to the contents.

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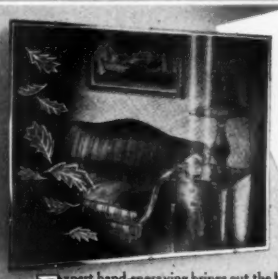

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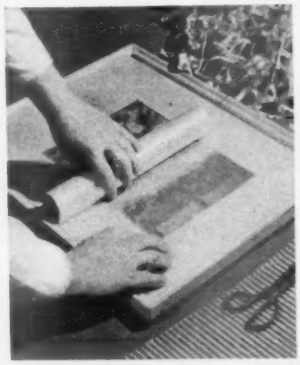
More wrapping tips

Silverware needs individual wrapping of flannel or paper treated to prevent tarnish. Protected thus, flatware can be stacked. Covers of bowls should be wrapped and turned upside down. Follow preliminary wrap with a sleeve of corrugated paper, and nest the package in a box filled with crumpled tissue paper or shock-absorbing material.



Pictures and mirrors need a piece of waxed paper cut to fit the glass surface. Then pad with shock-absorbing material until surface is flush with the outer edge of the frame. A corrugated paper sleeve around whole piece makes it ready for nesting in a carton. Use waxed paper for the first wrap on highly polished wood, too; it prevents minute scratches.

Shock-absorbing material is easily prepared by cutting old newspapers into strips and crinkling them tightly. Or shred unwaxed glassine bags, cellophane, or cooking parchment. Shredded newspaper hasn't quite as much cushioning value as shredded glassine or excelsior, but it costs you nothing and is available. Damp excelsior conforms well to odd shapes.

Old wrapping paper, if it's tough enough to stand the rough-and-tumble of post-office handling, can be used. To smooth old paper, press it with a warm iron. Salvage corrugated paper and tissue paper from gifts that come to your home. To test twine for re-use, make trial wrap and give twine a yank; discard if it snaps. Never try to salvage old gummed paper.

Where to get it

Most items shown in this issue should be available in your local stores. If, however, they are not, for your store's convenience in ordering, we list the names of the companies through which they're available.

Christmas all through the house

Page 46. Toy soldier and striped-stocking decoration: Reed & Stevenson, Inc., 27 E. 61st Street, New York City.
Pottery Madonna: W. C. Owen, Inc., Fifteenth Floor, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill.
Plump red candle: Bluegate Candle Co., Montara, Calif.
White Traditional dishes: Wedgwood, 24 E. 54th St., New York City.
Page 47. Red spiral "Emkay" candles: Muench-Kreuzer Candle Co., Syracuse, N. Y.
Page 48. Red and green glass dishes: Viking Glass Company, New Martinsville, W. Va.
Salad bowls: Ogden Stern Co., 220 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Leaf-shaped plates: Martin Freeman, 225 Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Felt stockings: Carole Stupell Ltd., 507 Madison Avenue, New York City.
Pine-cone trees and Santa's sleigh: Keal Display, 920 Walnut Street, Des Moines, Iowa.
Page 49. Red and white dishes: Universal Potteries, Cambridge, Ohio.
Tumblers: Libbey Glass Co., Toledo, Ohio.
Yellow-handled flatware: Ekco Products Co., 1949 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Punch bowl and mugs: Kay Finch Ceramics, 121 Coast Highway, Corona del Mar, Calif.
Whatnot shelf: Fred Leighton, Inc., 24 University Place, New York City.
Page 146. Jewel tree: Mrs. J. C. Butz, Welch Hills Road, Granville, Ohio.
Ceramic angels: Ebeling & Reuss Co., 707 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Christmas nosegays and white chenille tree: The Wallace Shop, 5239 14th Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn.
Foil angel: Reynolds Metals Co., Richmond, Va.
Plastic-foam angels: Nesbit Industries, Inc., 1823 Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Ill.
Santa cooky jar: Jane Holland Ceramics, 8981 Kendall St., South Gate, Calif.

Give your home a holiday gift

Page 204. Wedge-shaped step table: Heywood Wakefield Co., Gardner, Mass.
Nest table: Imperial Furniture Company, 1642 Broadway, N. W., Grand Rapids, Mich.
Page 205. Square coffee table: Grand Rapids Chair Company, Grand Rapids, Mich.
Victorian table: Carl Forslund, Inc., 116 East Fulton, Grand Rapids 2, Mich.
Tea table: Heritage-Henredon, Morganton, N. C.

New toys

Page 52. 1. Model Caterpillar Tractor, $39.95, Bulldozer Kit, $5.95: New London Metal Processing Corp., 82 Union St., New London, Conn.
2. Jack in the Music Box, $1.98: Mattel Creations, 8436 Warner Drive, Culver City, Calif.
3. Giant Froggy, $1.89: Rempel Mfg., Inc., 404 Morgan Ave., Akron 11, Ohio.
4. Baby Train, $2.50: Holgate Brothers Co., Kane, Pa.
5. Mek-N-Ettes, $5: The Judy Co., 310 N. Second St., Minneapolis 1, Minn.
6. Aerial Ladder Fire Truck, $21.95: Smith-Miller, Inc., 2932 Nebraska Ave., Santa Monica, Calif.
7. Workbench, $3.50: Playskool Mfg. Co., 1750 N. Lawndale Ave., Chicago 47, Ill.
8. Showboat and Whistle, $1.20: Ideal Novelty & Toy Co., 184-10 Jamaica Ave., Hollis 7, N. Y.
9. Tomic Rocket, $2.98: Woodette Division Print-O-Matic Co., Inc., 14-125 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.
10. Plastic Concertina, $2.95: Magnus Harmonica Corp., 439 Frelinghuysen, Newark 5, N. J.
Page 53. 11. Mobo Pony Express, $18.95: Mobo Toys, Inc., 1407 Broadway, New York 18, N. Y.
12. Roy Rogers Chuck Wagon, $19.95: Steger Products Mfg. Corp., Steger, Ill.
13. Ride-On Steering Donkey, $9.95: Meth Toy Co., 33-35 East 21st St., New York 10, N. Y.
14. Little Chef Stove, $9.95: Tacoma Metal Products Co., 414 24th Ave., Tacoma 2, Wash.
15. Tiny Tears Doll, with Layette, $11.98: American Character Doll Co., 200 5th Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
16. Strawberry Roan, $8: St. Nick's Workshop, 4348 Broadway, Chicago 13, Ill.
17. Toy Soda Fountain Dispenser, $3.95: MacHay Co., 787 South St., Elgin, Ill.
18. Holster Set, $10.95; Cowboy Hat, $1.98; Keyston Brothers, 755 Mission St., San Francisco 3, Calif.
19. Tom Thumb Toy Typewriter, $14.95: Western Stamping Co., Jackson, Mich.
20. Pop Corn, Jr., $10.95: Wilson Brothers, Inc., 1108 Eighty-One Madison Bldg., Memphis 3, Tenn.
Page 166. 1. Electric Eye Kit, $14.95: A. C. Gilbert Co., Erector Square, New Haven 6, Conn.
2. Spotted Leopard, $5: St. Nick's Workshop, 4348 Broadway, Chicago 13, Ill.
3. Tug & Barge, $2.50: Holgate Brothers Co., Kane, Pa.
4. Ukelele, $3.98: BW Molded Plastics, 1346 E. Walnut St., Pasadena 4, Calif.
5. Model Street Sweeper, $2.98: Ny-Lint Tool & Mfg. Co., 1823 16th Ave., Rockford, Ill.
6. Picture Puzzle, $2: Holgate Brothers Co., Kane, Pa.
7. Mother Goose Panorama, $2: Platt & Munk Co., Inc., 111 Eighth Ave., New York 11, N. Y.
8. Huffy Convertible Bicycle, from $37.95 to $54.95: Huffman Mfg. Co., Dayton 1, Ohio.
9. Block City, $4.95: Tri-State Plastic Molding Co., Henderson, Ky.
Page 167. 10. Dollhouse, $6.98: Louis Marx & Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
11. Fire-Cycle, $18.95; F. C. Castelli Co., Erie Ave. & F St., Philadelphia 34, Pa.
12. Electric Organ, $19.95: Magnus Harmonica Corp., 439 Frelinghuysen Ave., Newark 5, N. J.
13. Bebop Bonnie Doll, $5.50: Gund Mfg. Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
14. Circus Animals—Zebra, Giraffe, and Horse, 39c; Elephant, 49c: Precision Specialties, Inc., 212 North Western Ave., Los Angeles 4, Calif.
15. Foto-Electric Football, $6: Cadaco Ellis, 1446 Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.
16. Walkie-Talkie, $2.49: Remco Industries, 314 Market St., Newark 5, N. J.
17. Electric Remote-Control Studebaker, $6.95: Aluminum Model Toys, Inc., 164 West Maple Ave., Birmingham, Mich.
Page 182. 18. Ranch Set, $3.98: Louis Marx & Co., Inc., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
19. Spanish Character Dolls, $7.95 ea.: Effanbee Doll Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
20. Electronic Talking Doll, $24.95: Effanbee Doll Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
21. Water Tower and Oil Gusher, $4.95 ea.: The Colber Corporation, 26-28 Buffington St., Irvington 11, N. J.
22. Santa Fe Twin Diesel, $57.50: The Lionel Corp., 15 East 26th St., New York, N. Y.
Page 183. 23. Baby's Punch, $2: Childhood Interests, 180 Westfield Ave., Roselle Park, N. J.
24. Buzzie Bee, 50c: Fisher-Price Toys, Inc., East Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y.
25. Six-Shooter Stallion 45, $2.98: Nichols Industries, Pasadena, Tex.
26. Dancing Dude, $1.98: Mattel Creations, 8436 Warner Drive, Culver City, Calif.
27. Circus Lion, $2.79: Gund Mfg. Co., 200 Fifth Ave., New York 10, N. Y.
28. Musical Sweeper, $2.50: Fisher-Price Toys, Inc., East Aurora, Erie Co., N. Y.

Gift-time all through the house

Page 144. Wall clock: Howard Miller Clock Co., Zeeland, Mich.
Grandmother clock: Colonial Mfg. Co., Zeeland, Mich.
Page 145. Banjo clock: Sessions Clock Co., Forestville, Conn.
Steeple clock: Seth Thomas Clocks, Division of General Time Corporation, Thomaston, Conn.
Tole clock: Mary Ryan, Merchandise Mart, Chicago 54, Ill.
Page 170. Modern desk clock: Howard Miller Clock Co., Zeeland, Mich.
Radio-alarm clock: General Electric Co., Electronics Department, Syracuse, N. Y.
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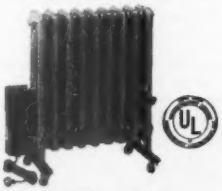

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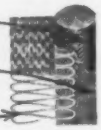

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rapidly if Mother and Dad do it all themselves. *Of course* mothers are neater bedmakers and dads are neater lawn-trimmers than 5-year-old Sally or 9-year-old John. But children love to help, to be in the middle of everything. They learn that way. They become more resourceful, more independent, and more responsible if you trust them with jobs all their own. And you'll be surprised how much fun they are when they're *not* out of the way.

Some of the most rewarding conversations we ever had at our house came about quite naturally in the midst of a family task in which we were all engaged. I remember a stirring one we had over the place of angels in the scheme of things. It was inspired by a vivid sunset we witnessed while we were all seeding the new lawn. We have discussed the war in the midst of the Sunday-dinner preparations, as knowledge of this unhappy phase of human activity came suddenly to our younger boy. Dinner had to be delayed while he wrestled with the enormity of the problem. But these are the kinds of talks that bring us closer together, and help our children face a complex world.

Once we tried segregating our children. In the old house we recently remodeled, there are two living rooms. One for the children, we decided, putting all their toys in a gay, yellow-papered room. The room across the hall we designated as a formal parlor, dedicated to us and our friends. It sounded efficient, for then the formal parlor would always be neat and ready for inspection. But it has never worked.

The children don't play in *their* living room. They sprawl on the floor in ours. Often they hang upside down with feet on the couch and head on the floor, an eminently satisfactory position for reading. They bring jigsaw puzzles in and work them out on the floor. We just have to step over them. Visitors come, and the children enjoy them, entering into the conversation at intervals, neither shrinking into a corner nor playing to the grandstand. They are part of the family.

Family life doesn't presuppose a dozen children, a life of isolation on a farm, or a Victorian approach to the modern world. But it does presuppose wanting and enjoying children, a requirement that should be obvious, but which is not synonymous with parenthood.

Surprisingly enough, one of the most genuine parents I know is the mother of two adopted children. If you visit her on a rainy day, you are likely to find the three of them in the kitchen making pie. The floor is covered with flour; the boy and his sister have dough in their hair. They are having a wonderful time. They are part of the family, included and respected. Their mother and father have given them security. They belong.

The observant eye of the social worker from the adoption agency noticed this at once after they had been given their first child. When they asked for another youngster, they got one, even though there were a lot of applicants ahead of them. Here, said the agency, are rare people who love, want, and understand children. An adopted child, regardless of what had happened earlier in his life, would find happiness with them.

Instead of a weekly work pattern that starts with washing on Monday and ends on Saturday with a thorough house cleaning, here's a schedule based on the needs and personalities of the children who live in a house. For a mother, it might have items on it like these (Dad can think up other ones):

Monday, take time to read to Mary before her nap, even if it means putting her to bed later. She loves stories, so don't keep putting her off to finish the ironing.

Tuesday, take time for a walk to the pond with Kenneth, because he loves the outdoor world, and wants you to share that world with him.

Wednesday, take time to let Mary help with the dishes. She can dry the plastic ones, and if she soaks herself and the linoleum in the process, it doesn't matter. She can even help mop up.

Thursday, take time to play the piano before supper. All the children love to sing, and you can spare a few minutes while the casserole is cooking.

Friday, take time to listen to David when you go up to say good night to him. He's such a big boy you forget he still has little-boy sensitivity that he hides under a gruff exterior. But when he is relaxed at the end of the day, he likes to tell you what he is thinking. Don't hurry him because you want to start your evening's relaxation.

Saturday, take time to go sliding, even if you think you're too old for that sort of thing. Dad should go along, too. Outings, winter or summer, are hilarious times, and the whole family ought to be together on them.

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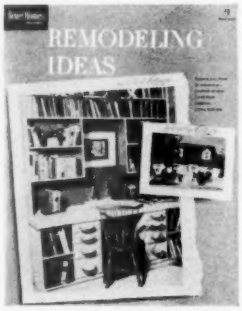

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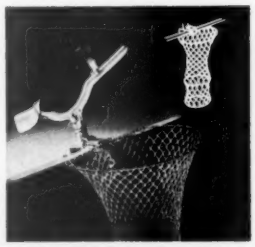

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Flexible rubber ballerina and clown are held upright on tiny plastic stands so you can move their arms and legs into any pose you wish. Each is about 6½" tall, natural flesh color. *Ballerina*, in white costume; *Clown*, in green polka dots; $2 each, ppd. Devco Sales Co., 219 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago 10, Ill.

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Twined vines and flowers in red and green decorate this five-piece range set. Large container (5½" high) houses a standard tin can for saving grease. Can easily slips out at bottom. Spoon holders are large enough to take a big stirring spoon and a tablespoon, saving your range from drips. Five-piece china *Range Set*, $8.00, ppd. Millers Mail Mart, P. O. Box 15507, Los Angeles 8, Calif.

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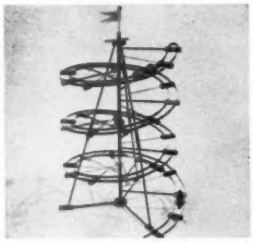

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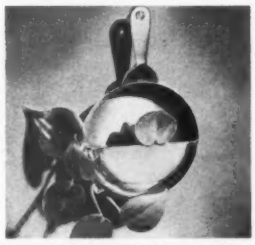

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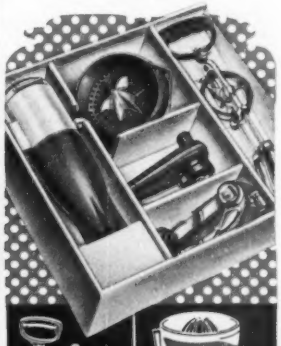

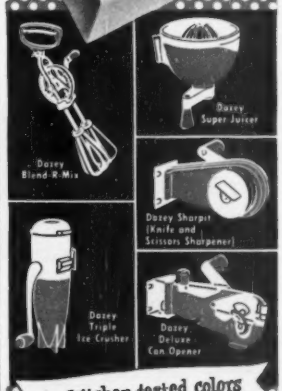

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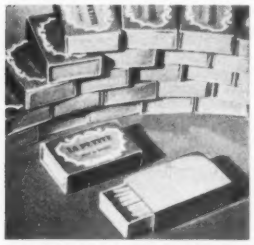

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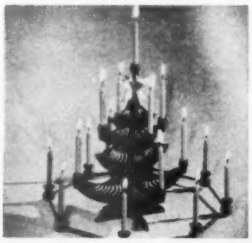

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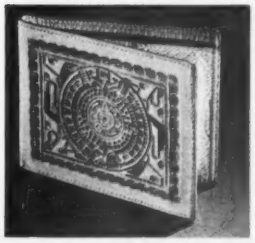

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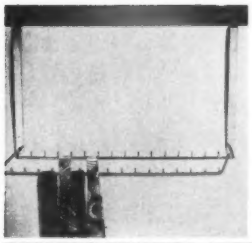

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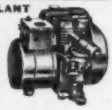

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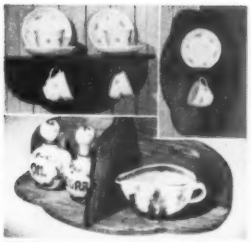

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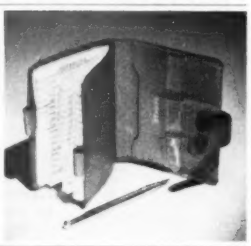

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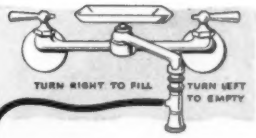

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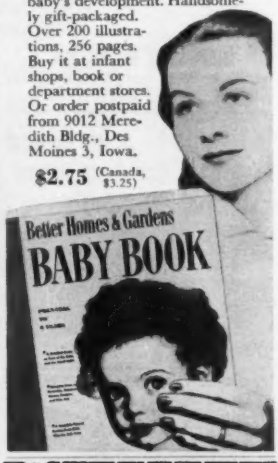

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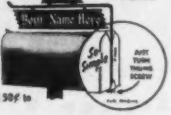

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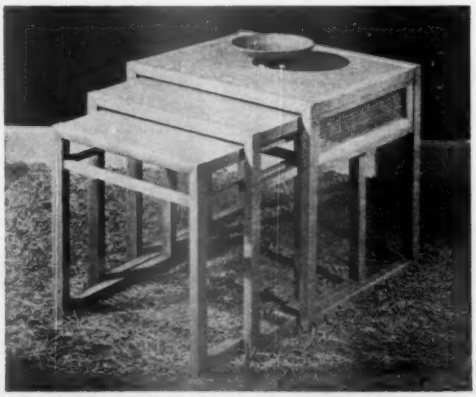
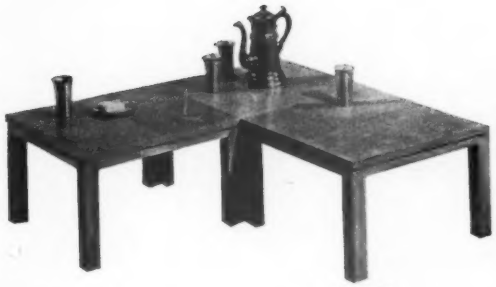
And this Christmas you'll find scores of tables to choose from. Look for tables with extra uses; tables designed especially for small homes; tables you can use singly or together.

Here are five smart table designs you'll want to check. Which one do you want Santa to leave under the Christmas tree?



Nest table lets you stand three tables in space for one—yet use each one separately when company comes. If your living room is small, you may want a pair of nest tables, one for each end of your sofa. Here's a modern, light mahogany nest with caning at side of biggest table



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The year's first snowfall was marred by the thought that somewhere under that soft, white mantel lay my new pruning shears.

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Whenever my wife starts going around the house with her mouth set in a thin, straight line, I start tracking down the heel who offended her. Usually it's me!

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At this time of year, I notice how much more exciting our neighborhood parties seem to be. It's the holiday spirit, I say; my wife says it's the mistletoe.

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I am losing the inferiority I've always felt in comparison with my pioneer ancestors. Given a sharp ax, and enough time, I *could* clear 10 acres, but I'd like to see Great-Grandfather start my car on a cold morning.

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My lazy neighbor wonders if the term "storm window" refers to the domestic atmosphere when he hasn't put his up by December, or taken them down by June.

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The Christmas cards our family pins up all show *Christmas* scenes. Pictures of horses, dogs, ducks in flight, ships, bathing beauties, and such inappropriate miscellany are tossed into a desk drawer.

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There's nothing that makes for more shaving satisfaction for a man than to have two razors. Then he can hide one where only he knows where it is and leave the other one in the bathroom.

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In many a home an old upright piano stands in the corner, rarely used. But if it brings one evening's song fest a year, it's worth keeping.

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It's safe enough to criticize other people's children if your own are grown.

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I wonder if other people's cats ever have kittens at reasonable times. Ours invariably choose moments of crisis or confusion—most recently, for instance, on the night my boss came to dinner.

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My wife says I'll have to make my own peace with the laundry man. Seems that missing shirt turned up in one of my unpacked suitcases.

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Nothing delights our daughters more than seeing me make subtle love to Mom. Nothing delights Mom more, either.

I never order mistletoe for Christmas. The ones who need to stand under it, I don't want to kiss. The ones I want to kiss will let me no matter where they stand. For I am a loved man, with a wife, three daughters, a sister, five pretty nieces, and scads of kissing cousins.

When the Salvation Army comes around and, without charge, empties my basement of the piles of newspapers and old magazines, then thanks me, I wonder who is being charitable to whom.

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Twenty-four years of married life have taught me this: the more trouble you face, the more capacity you develop for outfacing it.

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A budding friendship between new neighbors is progressing when one couple invites the other to eat in the kitchen.

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Perhaps more parents would build rumpus rooms for youngsters if they felt sure they could confine all the rumpuses to one room.

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There is a man in our town who gives of his time to civic and community endeavors. But he spoils it all by pointing out that he gets no pay for doing it.

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Last year we carefully made a list of people who sent us Christmas gifts. And filed it so carefully nobody can find it this year.

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We complained the other day to an elderly friend that there was a lot of racket and noise around our house with our 8-year-old son and his pals tearing through the place, scattering comic books, fighting Indians, and doing all the other quiet-wrecking things that kids do. He looked at me pityingly. "Wait until your children are grown and gone and you and your wife are sitting at home where the only noise is the ticking of the clock. You'll remember these days with longing." I know he's right, but yet I can't help jumping when a couple of bright-eyed gangsters open up on me with a machine gun from behind the davenport.

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THE NIGHT Tim asked me to marry him he told me how much money he had saved. "I hope it's enough to furnish a place to live but . . ."

"Of course it's enough," I said. "We'll get along."

At the furniture store, I began to wonder. I'd never realized how many things it takes to make a home.

"One bit of advice," the salesman said, "don't spread your money too thin. Buy good things that will last even if you have to wait for other things."

Tim agreed. "Take the floor in our bedroom. If we go ahead and put in that Armstrong's Spatter Linoleum we were looking at, we'll have something that will last for years. Any makeshift would just be a waste of money in the long run."

"But then what will we do for furniture?" I asked, remembering how much money I'd budgeted for the bedroom. "Of course, I do have that old bed of mine ...but I did have my heart set on those barrel chairs."

"We've got the three barrels that your wedding presents were packed in," Tim grinned.

He said it as a joke, but to me it was an idea—and the start of a lot of others. With a little prodding, I got Tim to do the carpentry work to turn two of the barrels into chairs and the other into hassocks. I found a gay chintz for my upholstering and, when I discovered that I could buy the rest of the bolt at a bargain price, I used it on one wall, too.

After the room was done, Mr. Collins came out from the store. "I'm glad you put in this Armstrong's Spatter Linoleum. Looks fine now, but it will look even better when you buy your regular furniture."

You should have seen Tim's face. He's so proud of his "barrel" furniture that he can't imagine my ever wanting anything else, so I just winked at Mr. Collins when Tim's back was turned. Blond mahogany will look wonderful with my Armstrong Floor.

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MOCHA CREAM FILLING

½ cup sugar	1 cup milk
1 square chocolate	½ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. instant coffee (powder)	1 tsp. vanilla
3 tbsps. flour	1 cup heavy cream
1 tbsp. cornstarch	6 to 10 marshmallows

Cook together until thickened the sugar, chocolate, instant coffee, flour, cornstarch, milk and salt, stirring constantly. Allow to cool. *Caution:* Mixture cools and thickens very quickly. Stir in vanilla. Whip cream until stiff, completely fold about ⅔ of it into the chocolate mixture. Then partially fold in the remainder to achieve a marbled effect. Pour into baked pie shell. Place the marshmallows on top of the filling to obtain a polka-dot effect.

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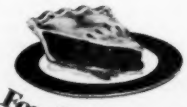

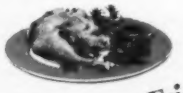

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